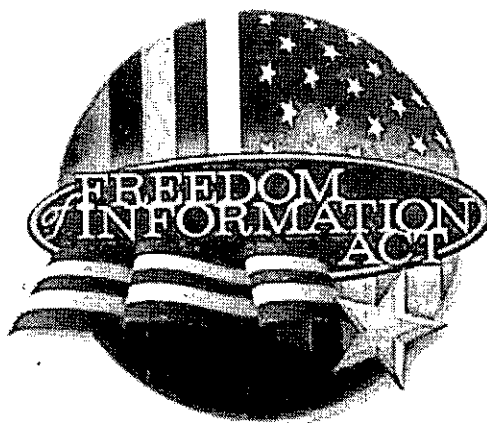


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AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: ERROL FLYNN**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
November 16, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ERROL FLYNN,  
VICTIM - EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith one white envelope and one yellow sheet of paper; the envelope is addressed to Mr. ERROL FLYNN and contained the sheet of paper which is an extortion letter.

It is desired that this envelope and sheet of paper be processed for latent fingerprints.

It is also requested that the handwriting on this letter be compared with the handwriting on the extortion letters now in the Bureau's files if this is feasible.

The Bureau is also requested to conduct such other examinations and comparisons as may be deemed appropriate.

It is not necessary that this letter or the envelope be returned to the Los Angeles Field Division.

Yours truly,

*R. B. Hood*  
R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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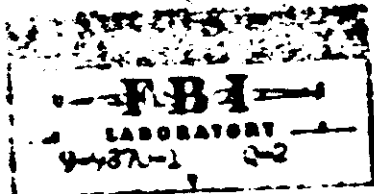
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*11/22/42*



Dear Mr. Flynn

If you value your life and  
career hand ten thousand dollars  
in cash wrapped in a small  
package addressed to Jack  
Helstrom - 4105 Matt St.  
383 St. your phone  
will be tapped and you  
will be followed so  
make no attempt to  
call police -

Alert - this concerns Billy Hannon  
My father-in-law it think  
by May 19, something will happen

December 3, 1942

MEMO

AIR MAIL

9-9870-1

SAC, Los Angeles

RE: JAMES EARL RAY  
FUGITIVE, EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 15, 1942, transmitting the following described specimens for examination in connection with the above-entitled case, your file 97-653:

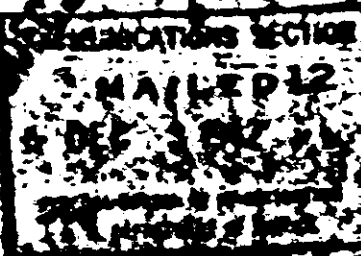
- Q 1 One envelope postmarked "San Bernardino, Calif., Nov. 10, 1942, C.R.", addressed to "Mr. Royal Flynn, Inc."
- Q 2 Accompanying lined handwritten letter beginning "If you value your life..."

You are advised that the above-entitled specimens were examined and seven latent fingerprints, as well as one latent palm print, were developed on specimen Q 2.

You are being separately advised as to the result of the laboratory examination completed.

Very truly,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Special Agent in Charge



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 11-20-42 4:00 P.M. sh

Re: Unknown Subject; Errol Flynn,  
Victim - Extortion

File # 9-9870-2

Lab. # 93238

9-9870-3

Examination requested by: Los Angeles, Calif.

Date of reference communication: 11/16/42 - let.

Date received: 11/19/42

Examination requested: Doc. - Fgt.

Result of Examination:

Examination by [redacted]

b7c [redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

Q-1 One copy of "San Bernardino, Calif., Nov. 10, 1942, 6-PM, adv to Mr. Errol Flynn ....".

Q-2 Adv inked handwritten let bgn "If you value your life ....".

LATENT EXAMINATION

7. photo 11/15  
2. photo and 1 PP shown Q2

9-9870-1

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

December 9, 1942

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File #

Lab. #

Known Subject:  
Errol Flynn, Victim  
Mortimer

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Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Letter 11-26-42

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

- Q1 One envelope postmarked "San Bernardino, Calif., Nov. 10, 1942, 4-12", addressed to Mr. Errol Flynn...
- Q2 Accompanying letter handwritten letter beginning "I love you life..."

Result of Examination:

The handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was compared with material contained in the appropriate sections of the known letter file without effecting an identification. An appropriate photographic copy will be added to this file for future reference.

Q1 and Q2 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints, and a separate report is being furnished your office at this stage of the examination.

The original evidence is being returned to your office.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Kramer
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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Part Two  
Laboratory Report #1528

The specimen listed as Q1 is a white semi envelope containing no watermark, measuring approximately 4.6" in length, 3.66" in width, 0.004" in thickness and having an opacity value of 0.77. The end of the envelope was torn off before it reached the laboratory. The address is written in script with blue-black ink.

The questioned specimen Q2 is an ovaloid sheet of yellow lined paper containing no watermark, measuring 11" in length, 8.12" in width, 0.002" to 0.003" in thickness, weighing 1.9723 grams and having an opacity value of 0.75. The message is written in script with blue-black ink and with black crayon.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NOVEMBER 27, 1942

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SAC, LOS ANGELES

Transmit the following message to:

9-4870-2

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, RABBIT FLIGHT, VICTIM, RESORTION.

BE WISE BLATANTLY INSTANT PRESS INVESTIGATION VIGILANTLY.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID PREMATURE PUBLICITY AND KEEP

BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	

*cc Jones*  
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*W. H. Jones*

FBI LOS ANGELES 11-16-42 3-17 PM NY  
DIRECTOR

NINE. UNSUB., ERROL FLYNN, BILLY. ON NOVEMBER THIRTEENTH LAST  
ERROL FLYNN, FILM STAR, RECEIVED LETTER THREATENING HIS LIFE UNLESS  
HE SENT TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH TO A SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA,  
ADDRESS BY NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN. A LETTER POSTMARKED SAN BERNARDINO  
NOVEMBER TENTH. APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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*Tom*  
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SAC LOS ANGELES

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ERROL FLYNN, VICTIM, EXTORTION. RE WIRE SIXTEENTH  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
November 25, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

RE: BILLY SEAMSTER;  
ERROL FLYNN - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter dated November 16, 1942, in this case, in which this office furnished the original extortion letter and envelope for examination. In that letter it was stated that it was not necessary to return the letter or envelope to this office.

It is now requested that the original extortion letter and envelope be returned to the Los Angeles Field Division after the appropriate examinations have been made.

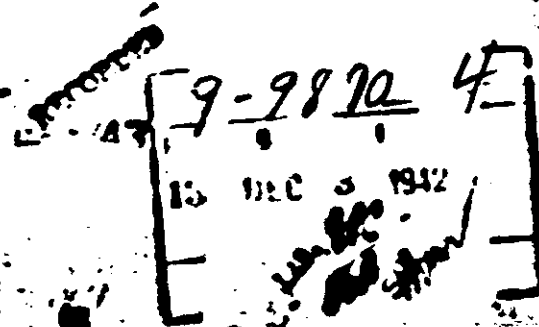
Very truly yours,

*E. B. Hood*  
E. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

TUC:APT  
9-663  
cc Technical Laboratory



FILE



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

November 18, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: WILLIAM SEASTEDT;  
SUSPECTED -- Victim  
BOMBING

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant SAC Vincent of the Los Angeles office advised that WILLIAM SEASTEDT, 30, of San Bernardino, California, had confessed to Bureau agents that he addressed the threatening letter received by the victim on November 18 last. This letter had been called to the attention of the Los Angeles office on November 18, 1942.

Mr. Vincent explained that the subject had demanded the payment of \$10,000 cash by the victim and instructed in his letter that the money be delivered to an address in San Bernardino, California, by November 18, 1942. Arrangements were made for the coverage of this address but the subject failed to appear until the closing of the deadline. Arrangements were thereupon made with the San Bernardino Police Department to notify the Los Angeles office of any subsequent attempts to collect the package. This afternoon the 11-year old son of the store located at the address given in the threatening letter was requested to deliver a letter to the store. The boy refused to do so and the officers of the store were unable to locate the subject. The subject was then located by the Los Angeles office and was brought to the Los Angeles office. He was then released to his parents for the time being.

The facts of the case were presented to the Attorney at which time he declined prosecution in view of the youth of the subject and the apparent lack of criminal intent. He requested that a full report be made to the Attorney General and that the boy be released to his parents for the time being.

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It is requested that you advise the Attorney General of the results of your investigation and that the press be kept advised. The Attorney General has authorized to make the facts of this case available to the press immediately.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

FILE NO. 9-663

REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, California</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/25/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/13 to 20/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
TITLE <b>BILLY STRANER; ERROL FLYNN - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Extortion letter received by ERROL FLYNN, Hollywood, Calif., on 11/13/42. Letter requested \$10,000 to be sent to malt shop in San Bernardino, Calif., by 11/18/42. Surveillance of malt shop maintained by Bureau Agents and San Bernardino PD. BILLY STRANER called for package on 11/19/42. In signed statement STRANER, age 13, admits writing extortion letter. Facts presented to Assistant U.S. MARSHAL E. LAMPERT, Los Angeles, who declined prosecution due to subject's youth. Decision regarding juvenile delinquency proceedings being held in abeyance. Subject's photograph and fingerprints obtained.

Teletype to Bureau dated November 16, 1942.

This is a joint report of Special Agent [REDACTED] the writer.

At Los Angeles, California

The original information in this case was received by Special Agent [REDACTED] on November 13, 1942, at which time Mr. [REDACTED] was contacted by Mr. ROBERT FORD, 6333 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, and was advised that ERROL FLYNN had received an extortion letter. Mr. FORD is Mr. FLYNN's attorney.

On November 13, 1942, the writer went to the home of ERROL FLYNN who resides at 7240 Wilholland Highway, Hollywood, California, and obtained an extortion letter and envelope. Mr. FLYNN advised that

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this letter was received by him at his home on the afternoon of November 13, 1942. Mr. FLYNN had no idea as to the identity of the writer of the letter. It is to be noted that this letter was the only communication of any kind received by FLYNN in this manner.

On November 16, 1942, the original extortion letter and envelope were sent to the Technical Laboratory for examination.

The Bureau was advised by teletype regarding the receipt of instant letter.

The extortion letter, a copy of which is being retained in the files of the Los Angeles Field Division, is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Flynn:

"If you value your life and career, send ten thousand dollars in cash wrapped in a small package addressed to Jack Calstrom - Bates Malt Shop 343 E St. Your phone will be tapped and you will be followed so make no attempt to call police -

"P.S. A hint - this concerns Betty Hansen and Peggy Patterson - Run if there by Nov. 18, or something will happen."

A copy of the envelope is also being retained in the files of the Los Angeles Field Division. The envelope bears a postmark which reflects that this letter was mailed in San Bernardino, California, and was stamped November 20, 1942, at 6:00 P.M. It was addressed to Mr. ERROL FLYNN, Beverly Hills, California. Due to the incorrect address, this letter was not received by Mr. FLYNN until the afternoon of November 13, 1942.

It is noted that the extortion letter mentions two BETTY HANSEN and PEGGY PATTERSON. It is noted that these individuals are witnesses for the prosecution in a morals case presently pending in the Superior Courts in Los Angeles, California. These original charges are pending against the victim in this case, ERROL FLYNN.

San Bernardino, California

On November 14, 1942, Special Agent [redacted] conducted an intensive investigation in an effort to ascertain if JACK CALSTROM was known in San Bernardino. There was no record of JACK CALSTROM either at the San Bernardino Police Department, San Bernardino Sheriff's Office, the Post Office, or the Board of Education.

[redacted] contacted [redacted] and [redacted] as unable to locate the name of any logical suspects in this case.

[redacted] advised that he would immediately contact the San Bernardino Police Department in the event that any person should make inquiry for the person addressed to JACK CALSTROM.

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On November 18 and 19, a continuous surveillance was maintained by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer, and the Detective Squad of the San Bernardino Police Department.

On November 19, 1942, at approximately 12:15 P.M., [redacted] in accordance with pre-arranged plan, telephonically advised the Police Department that a small boy had just come into the Malt Shop and had asked if there was a package there for JIMMY GILBERTSON. [redacted] was instructed to deliver a money package to the boy, who was followed by officers on the surveillance. When it was ascertained that no contact between the boy and any other party was likely to be made, the boy was returned to the San Bernardino Police Department for questioning by Special Agent [redacted].

The boy stated that his true name was BILLY GILBERTSON and that he had been living at San Bernardino at 619 7th Street since August 20, 1942. He quickly confessed that he had written the letter to ERROL FLYNN and gave Agent [redacted] the following signed statement, written in his own handwriting:

San Bernardino  
Police Department  
Nov. 19, 1942

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"I Billy Gilbertson make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] whom I know to be a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation having first been advised that I do not have to make any statement and that anything I say may be used against me, no threats or promises or offers of reward have been made to induce me to make this statement.

"I wrote a note asking for ten thousand dollars to Errol Flynn. I wasn't because I wanted the money but because I-wan he had been an idol to me everything since I can remember. I wrote the note because I wanted to see if the things they had been putting in the paper were true.

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G. Billy Gilbertson  
In presence of:

[redacted]  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
900 Security Bldg.  
Los Angeles, Cal.

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San Bernardino Police Dept.  
Detective Bureau Bureau.

The original of this statement is being retained in the files of the Los Angeles Field Office.



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BILLY also wrote out the extortion letter from a photographic copy of the letter and also made one copy from dictation by Agent [redacted]. As it is apparent that the handwriting on the specimens is the same as the handwriting on the extortion letter and envelope, the specimens are not being forwarded to the Identification Division for comparison, but are being held in the files of this office. Two informal confessions written by the subject are also being retained in the files of this office.

BILLY advised that he was 13 years of age and that he was in the 8th Grade in public school in San Bernardino. He stated that he got the idea one day at school of writing the letter to ERROL FLYNN and wrote it out at school, bringing it home with him and rewriting it there. He stated that the idea was his alone, and that his parents did not know about it and that he had told no one else about it except his older brother, [redacted] 16 years of age, who had told him that he was crazy if he mailed it. BILLY further stated that he had not expected the letter to reach ERROL FLYNN and that he had not expected FLYNN to do anything about it even if the letter reached him. He stated that JACK GILSTROM was a fictitious person and that he had used that name because he did not want a common name. BILLY advised that he had been a customer of OTTO's Malt Shop and selected that place for that reason. He stated that on November 19, he decided to go into OTTO's just to see if there might possibly have been an answer from ERROL FLYNN. He stated that he thought perhaps FLYNN would come to San Bernardino and he would get a chance to see him.

BILLY advised that he had not been in any trouble before except one time when he was young he had been questioned by the police at Wichita, Kansas, for taking milk bottles off doorsteps. The records of the San Bernardino Police Department were checked with negative results as to BILLY, and other members of his family residing in San Bernardino. Various officers on the force were questioned and they all advised that subject had not come to their attention during the time he had lived in San Bernardino.

The facts concerning subject's confession were telephonically given to Assistant Special Agent in Charge, JOHN E. VINCENT, who advised the Bureau, and who also telephonically contacted Assistant United States Attorney RUSSELL E. LAMBEAU, Los Angeles. Mr. LAMBEAU stated that in view of BILLY's extreme youth and the fact that he had not previously been known to the San Bernardino Police Department, he would decline any criminal prosecution and would withhold his decision as to any juvenile delinquency proceedings until he had received a copy of this report. Mr. LAMBEAU further stated that BILLY should be released to the custody of his parents.

Subject's fingerprints and photograph were taken at the San Bernardino Police Department, and two fingerprint cards and one photograph are being forwarded to the Bureau. Subject was not booked either by the Police Department or the Special Agent.

The following description was obtained by observation and measurements:



Name	BILLY EVANSTON
Born	[REDACTED]
	El Dorado, Kansas
Height	4'11 3/4"
Weight	97
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Scars and marks	3 1/2" scar on inside left palm to middle finger

Father  
Mother

Brothers and sisters



BILLY stated that he was the youngest in the family and that he did not know the ages or addresses of any of his brothers and sisters except [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who lived at home. He stated that he had been raised in Wichita, Kansas, and had come to Los Angeles, California, about four years ago, and had lived there until his family moved to San Bernardino. It was apparent that BILLY possesses a keen mind and is not of the hoodlum type.

In accordance with the instructions from Assistant United States Attorney JAMBLAU, Agent [REDACTED] took subject to the home of his parents and informed Mr. and Mrs. JAMES EVANSTON of the offense and obtained their promise that BILLY would be available at any time that the United States Attorney might require his presence.

[REDACTED] was questioned by Agent [REDACTED] and confirmed BILLY's story, saying that BILLY had brought the letter home from school one day and had shown it to him. [REDACTED] had told BILLY he was crazy if he was thinking about mailing it and further stated he had not mentioned it to his parents because he did not think BILLY would be foolish enough to do a thing like that.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU: Two fingerprint cards and photograph of subject.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California: Will discuss instant case with Assistant United States Attorney RUSSELL E. LAMBEAU to determine what proceedings, if any, will be taken against BILLY BEANSTER, as a delinquent juvenile.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **9-663**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/14/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/9/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">AMS</span>
TITLE <b>WILLY SEAMSTER; HUGO LYNN - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: 2em;">b7c</span>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Bureau letter set out which reflects results of latent fingerprint examination on the specimens submitted by this office. Assistant USA HOWARD V. CALVERLEY, Los Angeles, declines prosecution of subject, age 13, due to his extreme youth, but recommends facts of instant case be furnished the State Juvenile Authorities.

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 9-5870. b7c

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated November 27, 1942, at Los Angeles, California.

Bureau letter dated December 3, 1942.

**DETAILS:**

At Los Angeles, California

In the letter dated December 3, 1942, the Bureau advised as follows:

Reference is made to your letter of November 16, 1942, transmitting the following described specimen for examination in connection with the above entitled case, your file 9-663:

1. One envelope postmarked "San Bernardino, Calif., Nov. 14, 1942, 6 PM", addressed to "Mr. Errol Flynn, Inc.", containing latent handwritten letter beginning "I am your life..."

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COPY IN FILE

You are advised that the above-mentioned specimens were examined and seven latent fingerprints, as well as one latent palm print, were developed on specimen 2.

You are being separately advised as to the result of the laboratory examination conducted.

A separate report will be made of the laboratory examination conducted in this case.

In accordance with the undeveloped lead in reference report, instant case was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney HOWARD V. CALVERLEY, Los Angeles, to determine what proceedings if any, should be taken against the subject, BILLY STANLEY, as a delinquent juvenile. Mr. CALVERLEY declined to prosecute subject in Federal Court, inasmuch as subject is but 13 years of age. Mr. CALVERLEY stated, however, that due to the nature of this case, some action should be taken in an effort to impress upon subject and his parents the seriousness of subject's acts. Mr. CALVERLEY suggested that the State Juvenile Authorities in San Bernardino be apprised of the facts in instant case and that the matter be placed in their hands for whatever action they deemed appropriate. Accordingly, an undeveloped lead is being set out to carry out Mr. CALVERLEY's recommendations in this case.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At San Bernardino, California: Will present the facts of instant case to the State Juvenile Authorities inasmuch as they are in a position to conduct appropriate supervision of BILLY SEAMSTER, age 13, who is the subject of this case.

At Los Angeles, California: Will report the results of the Technical Laboratory's examination on the specimens which have been submitted by this office for examination.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **9-663**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/22/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/1, 17/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</div>
TITLE <b>BILLY SEANSTER; BARBARA LYNN, VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: 1.5em;">b7c</span>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject's criminal record set out, Laboratory report set out. Facts of instant case presented to State Juvenile authorities, San Bernardino for appropriate attention.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File #9-9870.  
Bureau letter dated 12/9/42.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, 2/18/43. b7c

**DETAILS:**

**AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:**

The Bureau furnished the following criminal record of subject under P.B.I. No. 3165637:

P.D. San Bernardino, C211.	<b>BILLY SEANSTER,</b>	11-19-42	Inv. - extortion	rel. to custody of his parent
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In a Laboratory report dated December 9, 1942, the Bureau advised that the results of the examination were as follows:

The handwriting appearing on specimens of the 92 was compared with material contained in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. An appropriate photographic copy will be added to this file for future reference.

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Signature]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES TO BE MADE OF REPORTS</p> <p>1 - Bureau</p> <p>1 - Mr. Loe Angeles (RM)</p> <p>1 - Los Angeles 22 1943</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">MAR 23 1943</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">9-19870-8</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">FEB 25 1943</p>
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The specimen listed as Q1 is a white bond envelope containing no watermark, measuring approximately 6.6" in length, 3.66" in width, 0.0042" in thickness and having an opacity value of 0.77. The end of the envelope was torn off before it reached the Laboratory. The address is written in script with blue-black ink.

The questioned specimen Q2 is a unruled sheet of yellow bond paper containing no watermark, measuring 11" in length, 6.52" in width, 0.0028" to 0.0030" in thickness, weighing 3.6702 grams and having an opacity value of 0.75. The message is written in script with blue-black ink and with black crayon.

AT SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA:

In accordance with the undeveloped lead in reference report to present the facts of instant case to the State Juvenile authorities, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] 672

The facts of the above case were discussed with ELLIS LARMOE, chief probation officer, San Bernardino, California. She advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that her office had jurisdiction of juvenile matters in San Bernardino County. ELLIS LARMOE further advised that her office might not take any action concerning ELLIS GRAMMER at this time but that the probation officers would be informed of the facts and would be alert to any further unlawful activity on the part of subject. She also stated that, if possible, the matter would be discussed with subject's parents so that he might receive proper parental guidance.

Inasmuch as all logical leads are exhausted, this case is being closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

7-9870-10, 7 Cancelled



## Extortion note to Errol Flynn brings arrest

Writer of a \$10,000 extortion note threatening death to Errol Flynn was captured last night and then turned loose a few minutes later.

Flynn had received the note, postmarked on San Bernardino November 10, and had turned it over to the FBI.

The note stated that if Flynn refused his life and career he should send \$10,000 in cash to Jack Ostrom at a malt shop in San Bernardino, warned him that his phone was tapped, that he was being followed and should not try to communicate with police.

FBI agents studied the note and made up a dummy package—a box of candy—and baited a trap at the malt shop.

San Bernardino police were staked out there and last evening their quarry walked in and asked for the package "sent for Jack Ostrom."

The officers grabbed their "bunny" and he turned out to be Billy Foremaster, 22, an eighth grade student.

Billy police said, admitted ownership of the note, said the whole thing was his own idea.

Following a consultation with FBI officers, police sent Billy home to his parents.

LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

11/24/42

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# **Boy Threatens Errol Flynn** **Note Demands \$10.00 or 'You'll Die'**

Los Angeles, Nov. 20 (AP)—A \$10,000 extortion plot against Errol Flynn, engineered by a schoolboy, 13, was disclosed last night by the FBI.

Billy Seamer, of San Bernardino, sent a note to the actor, now awaiting trial on charges by two girls, demanding the money on pain of death. The lad was arrested, said Agent Hood, at a San Bernardino malt shop where he had delivered the money to be sent.

Hood said the note read: "If you value your life and ca-

reer, send a small package containing \$10,000 in currency to the Otto Malt Shop. Your phone has been tapped. Don't call the police. You will be killed if you don't comply."

It was signed "Jack Gilchrist." The lad was irate to his parents while the U. S. attorney's office studies possible further action.

9-9870-A

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 FORWARDED BY N.Y. DIVISION

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# BOY TRIES EXTORTION

Los Angeles, Nov. 20 (A. P.). —The confession of a 13-year-old schoolboy to sending an extortion note to Proctor, actor, was disclosed today by the FBI. The boy, Harry, was arrested when he asked for a package at a San Bernardino mail shop. The note Flynn received read:

"If you value your life and career, send a small package containing \$10,000 in currency to the Otto Mail Shop. Your phone has been tapped. Don't call the police. You will be killed if you don't comply."

The boy was released to the custody of his parents, pending a study of the case. He told the police he wanted some spending money and selected Flynn because his name had appeared in connection with rape charges involving two young girls.

*victim*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Kramer	
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*file*

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DATE 08-10-00 BY 60322 UC/LAW/STP

## Boy Held in Errol Flynn \$10,000 Extortion Plot

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26 (U.P.). — A \$10,000 extortion note threatening the life of Film Star Errol Flynn today has led to the arrest of 13-year-old Bill Seamus, a San Bernardino Calif. schoolboy. Federal agents and San Bernardino police set the trap for the writer of the note by delivering a package of currency as instructed, and the boy was taken into custody. He confessed he wrote the \$10,000 note. Authorities deliberated whether any charge should be brought against him.

ALL INFORMATION FROM THE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re. Unknown Subject; Errol Flynn,  
Fictitious - information

File # 9-9870-1  
Lab. # 93000

Examination requested by: Los Angeles, Calif.

Date of reference communication: 11/15/42 - let.

Date received: 11/19/42

Examination requested: Doc. - Fict.

Examination to: [REDACTED]

Result of Examination:

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*recd 12/8/42*  
*P.M.*

Specimens submitted for examination:

Q-1 One copy of "San Bernardino, Calif., Nov. 10, 1942, 6-7 PM, adv to [REDACTED].  
Errol Flynn [REDACTED]."

Q-2 In inked handwriting let says "If you value your life [REDACTED]."

LATENT EXAMINER: [REDACTED]

9-9870-16

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

2/1/49

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FEB 20, 1949

SAC, NEW YORK

RE: RABOL FLIER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. AT LOS ANGELES  
FEB TWENTY-NINE INSTANT. ADVISE THIS CASE REQUIRES  
ATTENTION. TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID FURTHER PUBLICIST  
AND ADVISE BUREAU OF THE PARTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF

RE: FLIER

PROPER

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*[unclear]*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

FBI LOS ANGELES  
DIRECTOR AND SAC BOSTON

4-29-49

10-17 PM

RE

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ADDLE. ERROL FLYNN, VIKER. LETTER POSTMARKED APRIL TWENTY THIRD LAST, QUINCY, MASS., ADDRESSED TO FLYNN, QUOTE. MR. FLYNN EXCLAMATION POINT, IF YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR YOU YOU WILL PAY ATTENTION TO THEM GIRLS YOU RAFFED. I KNOW YOU DID IT YOU CANNOT FOOL ME SO YOU BETTER FORK OVER SOME DOUGH. PUT YOUR ANSWER IN THE BOSTON DAILY RECORD PUT IT NEAR WINCHELL COLUM AND JUST SAY ANYTHING BUT GIVE A HINT YOU RECEIVED THIS AND IN A WEEK IF YOU DONT WANT TROUBLE. GET WHAT I MEAN CHUM. BE HEARING FROM YOU DONT FORGET A WEEK FROM TODAY. THAT WILL BE APRIL TWENTY NINE DEADLINE AND THEN I WILL SEND YOU YOUR INSTRUCTIONS ON WHERE AND WHEN TO LEAVE THE MONEY AND HOW MUCH. DONT WORRY IT WILL NOT BE OVER FIFTEEN THOUSAND FOR THATS ALL I NEED TO SKIP TOWN UNQUOTE. LETTER BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU LABORATORY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES WILL BE FURNISHED BOSTON OFF. LETTER RECEIVED THIS OFFICE APRIL TWENTY NINTH BUT SUGGEST ARTICLE BE PLACED IN PAPER AS REQUESTED.

HOOD

*Recd. 2125 AM*

*4-30-49*

BOSTON WILL BE NOTIFIED

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
April 30, 1943

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Director, FBI

Attention - Technical Laboratory

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ERROL FLYNN - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith original extortion note and envelope postmarked at Quincy, Massachusetts on April 23, 1943 at 8:00 p. m. These documents are being designated as Exhibits 1 to 4, inclusive. This letter was received by ERROL FLYNN at his home, 7740 Mulholland Highway, North Hollywood, California, the sender of which is unknown at the time.

It is desired that an appropriate examination be made to develop any latent fingerprints in order to identify same and that a check be made against the specimens in the anonymous letter file for possible identification. These documents have been handled by numerous people and their elimination fingerprints will be submitted to the Bureau in the immediate future.

Upon completion of the examination the letter and envelope, together with a report of the examination, should be forwarded to the Boston Field Division, which is being designated as Office of Origin.

In view of the fact that these documents were not photographed at the Los Angeles Field Division, it is desired that a photographic copy be made for the Los Angeles Field Division files for future reference purposes.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MOORE  
SAC

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Enclosures



cc - Boston

COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

JUN 1963

MAY 25, 1963  
FILE # 10599-2

Re: Unknown Subject;  
Errol Flynn - Victim  
Extortion

Lab # 2-1908

EX-40

Examination requested by: Los Angeles (9-472)

Reference: Letter 4-30-43

Examination requested: Requested - Fingerprint

Specimens:

- Q1 An envelope addressed to Mr. Errol Flynn postmarked Quincy, MASS., April 23, 1943, 6 P.M.
- Q2 First sheet of accompanying letter handwritten in pencil beginning, "Mr. FLYNN!!! IF YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR YOU....."
- Q3 Second sheet of accompanying letter beginning, "RECEIVED THIS AND IN A WEEK IF YOU DON'T....."
- Q4 Third sheet of accompanying letter beginning, "THAT WILL BE APRIL 29 AND THEN....."

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

Specimens Q1 through Q4 were treated chemically for the development of latent fingerprints, but no prints of value were developed.

The handwriting and handprinting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q4 was searched through the Anonymous Letter File of the Bureau without effecting an identification. Photographic copies of this material will be added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Specimen Q1 consists of an envelope of white bond paper measuring 4 1/2 inches by 9 1/2 inches to 9 3/4 inches by 4.000 to 4.000 inches. It weighs 2.811 grams and bears no return.

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Specimen Q2 consists of a sheet of white bond, unruled paper measuring 8.53 inches by 10.94 inches by 0.0035 inches. It weighs 4.135 grams and bears no watermark.

Specimens Q3 and Q4 are apparently similar in all respects to specimen Q2.

According to your request the original evidence designated above as Q1 through Q4 is being forwarded to the Boston Field Division along with a copy of this report. Photostatic copies of specimens Q1 through Q4 are also being transmitted herewith.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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9-11-43  
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File # 7-10770-2  
Lab. # 01909  
7-10770-2

Re: Shawby  
Shawby - Fla.  
Shaw

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Date of reference communication: Let 4-30-43

Date received: 7-13-43

Examination requested: See Page

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]  
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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 An airtel air to Mr. Errol Flynn in Quincy, Mass., Apr. 23, 1943, 6 PM.
- Q2 1st sheet of airtel let by in pencil lgn, "MR. FLYNN!!!! IF YOU KNOW THAT IS GOLD FOR US....."
- Q3 2nd sheet of airtel let lgn, "RECEIVED THIS AND IN A WEEK IF YOU KNOW....."
- Q4 3rd sheet of airtel let lgn, "THAT WILL BE APRIL 29 AND THEN....."

*The letters in italics are attached  
to the original by lat.*

Notes: Send photos to Los Angeles.  
See Section

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JUNE 4, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC BOSTON AND LOS ANGELES

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ERROL FLYNN, VICTIM, EXTORTION. BOSTON OBTAIN  
SPECIMENS FINGERPRINTING OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY AND FORWARD AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.  
EXPEDITE REMAINING INVESTIGATION. LOS ANGELES CONTACT VICTIM  
TO DETERMINE IF ANY FOLLOW UP LETTER RECEIVED AND ADVISE BUREAU  
BY TELETYPE.

HOOVER

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **9-43**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/5/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/23, 30, 5/1/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: 2em;">674</span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HEROIC FLINN - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ROBERT E. FORD telephonically advised the Los Angeles Office on 4/29/43 that he was in possession of a threatening letter addressed to HEROIC FLINN. Extortion letter was postmarked Quincy, Massachusetts 4/23/43 and unsigned, but instructed FLINN to place a note in the BOSTON DAILY GLOBE to indicate that he had received the letter and awaited further instructions. FLINN and pertinent individuals interviewed in regard to receipt of extortion letter. Description of letter and envelope set out. Letter sent to Technical Laboratory for photographs and appropriate examinations. Boston Office and Bureau advised of pertinent details by teletype dated 4/29/43.

*Wired Extortion*  
**5-14-43**  
*[Signature]*

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype to the Bureau and the Boston Field Division dated 4/29/43.

**DETAILS:**

On April 29, 1943 ROBERT E. FORD, 6253 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephonically advised this office that he had in

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>9-10598-3</b>	EXAMINED <b>[REDACTED]</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 1 - Los Angeles	MAILED <b>MAY 12 1943</b>	INDEXED <b>[REDACTED]</b>
<b>50 JUN 2 1943</b>		

his possession a threatening letter which had been received by ERROL FLENN and that he, FORD, was FLENN'S attorney.

The writer subsequently contacted FORD and obtained instant letter in order that the instructions contained therein might be followed as quickly as possible. FORD advised the writer that he had received the above referred to letter a day or two before he called this office inasmuch as he had inspected the letter and then decided to call this Bureau on the matter. FORD stated that at first the letter seemed, in his opinion, to be written by a trunk and that he decided to disregard the note entirely. However, upon subsequently contacting FLENN, he decided to advise this Bureau in order that the note might be appropriately handled and the instructions contained therein complied with.

FORD stated that his full name was ROBERT HENRY FORD; that he had handled instant letter and that his fingerprints were on file with this Bureau. FORD also advised that his partner [REDACTED] had also handled this note. [REDACTED] was contacted by the writer and he advised that his fingerprints were likewise on file at the Bureau. b7c b7d

It was also ascertained that [REDACTED] Secretary to Mr. FORD, had also handled the above referred to note. [REDACTED] advised the writer that her fingerprints were likewise on file inasmuch as she had been fingerprinted at the time that she registered as a Canadian alien.

The Bureau and the Boston Field Division were advised by teletype on April 29, 1943 that the above letter had been received by FLENN, giving the contents of the note and further advising that the letter had been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for appropriate examination. It was also suggested that the article be placed in the BOSTON DAILY RECORD as requested in the note.

The letter and envelope were forwarded to the Technical Laboratory in order that it might be photographed and also in order that an appropriate examination might be made to develop any latent fingerprints and possibly identify same. It was also requested that the handwriting on the note be compared with letters contained in the anonymous letter file for possible identification.

The envelope was photographed [REDACTED] April 30, 1943, and was submitted to Mr. ERROL FLENN, 501 North Linden Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The letter and envelope were also submitted to the Technical Laboratory for examination.



written on the face of the envelope. On the flap of the envelope itself was written the word, "Beware".

It is also to be noted that this letter was subsequently sent to the Beverly Hills Post Office where it was postmarked April 24, 1943, 1:30 P.M., and given the new address of 7740 Mulholland Highway, North Hollywood, California.

The letter itself read as follows:

"Mr. FLENNY!!!

If you know what is good for you you will pay attention to them girls you raped. I know you did it. You cannot fool me so you better look over some dough."

On the reverse side of this sheet was contained the following message:

"Put your answer in the BOSTON DAILY RECORD. Put it near WINCHELL's name and just say anything but give a hint you"

The following message, which was a continuance of Page 2, was written on a second sheet of paper as follows:

"received this and in a week if you don't want trouble. Get what"

Then the following message was a continuance on the reverse side of the second page, as follows:

"I mean damn. Be hearing from you don't forget a week from today."

On a third piece of paper the following message was as follows:

"That will be April 29 (deadline) and then I will send you your instructions on where and"

The following message was written on the reverse side of Page 3 as a continuance of the aforementioned message as follows:

"when to leave the money and how much. I don't  
worry it will not be over 15000 for that's all  
I need to ship town."

This message was not signed and was printed in very large  
letters, which gave the appearance that the writer tried to disguise  
his handwriting.

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[REDACTED] FLYNN was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent  
[REDACTED] at the HANMER BROTHERS STUDIO, Studio City, California,  
and he stated that he did not remember the exact date that he received  
this letter, but that after reading same, he took it to his attorney,  
ROBERT E. FORD. FLYNN stated that the only person he knows to have  
handled the note with the exception of his attorney was his stunt man,  
VERNON E. WILES, and himself. FLYNN advised that his prints are on  
record with this Bureau, and ROBERT E. FORD advised the writer that  
[REDACTED]

The Los Angeles Field Division was in receipt of a teletype  
from the Bureau dated April 30, 1943 advising that the case should be  
afforded vigorous attention, that precautions should be taken to avoid  
premature publicity, and the Bureau should be advised of the pertinent  
developments by telephone.

On May 1, 1943 the Los Angeles Field Division was in receipt  
of a teletype from the Boston Field Division which advised that a person-  
al advertisement had been placed in the BOSTON DAILY GLOBE near WINCHELL'S  
column. This ad appeared in the May 1st issue as follows:

"Received your letter. Mr. Flynn."

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION -

At Los Angeles, California, will keep in contact with SPHOL FLIN in order that in the event he should receive further instructions from the unknown individual, they may be complied with and appropriate arrangements made.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
May 7, 1943**

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Director, FBI

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ERROL FLYNN - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Reference is made to the letter from this Field Division dated April 30, 1943 in which it was stated that numerous people had handled the note involved in instant case and that the elimination prints would be submitted.

It was ascertained that the following individuals had handled the note, namely:

[REDACTED] b7c  
ERROL FLYNN

It has been ascertained that these individuals all have their prints on record at the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
R. B. HUNT  
SAC

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CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

May 19, 1943

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, Boston

RE: EDWIN FLINN, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. SUBJECT: THE CITY'S CURRENT COVERING  
ACTIVITY OF YOUR OFFICE IN THIS CASE SINCE MARCH 30 APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST  
AND FIELD SITE REPORT.

ROOVER

cc-Los Angeles (regular mail)

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gandy

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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FBI BOSTON  
DIRECTOR

5-22-43

3.10 PM EST

WILE. UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ERROL FLYNN, VICTIM, EXTORTION. ~~NEWSPAPER~~ ARTICLE ~~WAS~~ PLACED IN MAY FIRST, NINETEEN FORTY THREE ISSUE OF BOSTON DAILY RECORD, AS DIRECTED IN EXTORTION LETTER. POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN VICINITY OF QUINCY, MASS. CONTACTED TO OBTAIN NAMES OF PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE WRITTEN SIMILAR LETTERS.

HENDRICH

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA** FILE NO. **9-116 MCC**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-22-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-4-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <b>b7c</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HUGO FLYNN, VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Article placed in the May 1st, 1943 issue of the Boston "Daily Record". Police Departments in the vicinity of Quincy, Mass. contacted to obtain names of persons known to have written letters similar to the type received by HUGO FLYNN.

**REFERENCE:** Teletype Los Angeles Field Division to Boston Field Division dated 4-29-43. Teletype Boston Field Division to Los Angeles dated May 1, 1943. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Los Angeles, California, dated 5-7-43.

**DETAILS:** In the May 1, 1943 issue of the "Daily Record" published in the city of Boston, an advertisement was placed near the "MURDER" column by this office, as requested in referenced teletype from Los Angeles to Boston. This advertisement was worded:

"Received your letter, Mr. Flynn."

The Police Departments of the City of Quincy and Cohasset, Mass., and the Metropolitan Police Department Blue Hills Station, were contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c

Inquiries were made of these local the identity of any persons whom they knew to have written similar types of letters in the past. This inquiry set with negative results. b7c

Special Agent [REDACTED] obtained the name of [REDACTED] b7c

They advised that names of [REDACTED]

**9-10528-1**  
**BENNY 2493**



Handwriting might be obtained from Selective Service Board 159 at the East  
Smyth Town Hall

3752  
[redacted] informed Agent  
that there were two neighborhood "streetballs" who might be guilty of  
such an act as sending a letter of the type to JAMES [redacted] One of  
these persons was [redacted]  
and the other [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that her written samples of both these persons can be ob-  
tained at the [redacted]

UNRECORDED

1ST DISTRICT DIVISION

**b7D**

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will contact [redacted] the names of persons known to have written similar types of letters, and will, where possible, obtain the handwriting specimens of those persons.

**b7D**

Will contact [redacted] the names of persons known to have written similar types of letters, and will, where possible, obtain the handwriting specimens of those persons.

June 3, 1943

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Mr. Lee Hughes

Mr. William H. Hines  
Hines, Hines & Hines  
Hines, Hines & Hines

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 7, 1943, requesting that the fingerprints of the following listed individuals be compared with the latent impressions previously furnished in connection with the above-entitled case, your file # 674.



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You are advised that the requested material could not be furnished inasmuch as no latent impressions were developed in this case.

Very truly yours,

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E.A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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JUN 3 1943  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date Recorded: 5-19-43 10:00 A. M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
ERROL FLYNN - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

9-10598-  
Number: 9-10598-12

Specimens:

It is requested that the fingerprints of the following named individuals be compared with the latents in connection with the above-entitled case:

[REDACTED] b7c  
ERROL FLYNN.

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Date received: 5-19-43 sh

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:  
Sent to Card Index. ✓

Examination by:  
[REDACTED] b7c

Re: Latent for file 5/18  
No Latent known from Q's  
Reinstated 6/1/43

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

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100 Milk Street  
Boston Mass.

June 8, 1943

**AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY**

**ATTENTION: - TECHNICAL LABORATORY  
(Lab. 9D-1508)**

Director, FBI

**RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, NICKEL  
PLATE, VICTIM - MURDER**

Dear Sir:

On June 7, 1943, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], was interviewed at the [REDACTED]  
Police Headquarters.

[REDACTED] is presently on parole from the Medfield State Hospital,  
a Massachusetts State Mental Institution, and is employed as a  
laborer at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was questioned at length and for four hours steadfastly re-  
fused to give samples of his handwriting and handprinting. During  
this interview he was very excitable and indicated a hostile atti-  
tude. He believes that he is an under-dog and that people are al-  
ways trying to "pin things on him" or to "tag him." He finally  
agreed to submit samples of his handwriting and handprinting if his  
brother were present. **RECORDED & INDEXED**

At about 2:45 PM [REDACTED] in the presence of his brother  
[REDACTED] agreed to submit samples of his handwriting and  
handprinting. Three pages of specimens were dictated [REDACTED]  
time - during which there were frequent interruptions while  
[REDACTED] would start to argue and complain.



LEFT AND RIGHT HANDS PRINTED IN LAB

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[REDACTED]



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He stated that he was a very poor speller and it was obvious that he deliberately mis-spelled even the simplest of words. For example, he wrote "ceme" for chum; "head" for and; and "ben" for the word but.

The page identified "1BKP IEX" contains words dictated to [redacted] but using his own spelling. At the time this sample was obtained, [redacted] appeared to be under severe emotional stress.

The same condition existed at the time he gave the sample appearing on the second sheet marked "2 BKP IEX". In this instance the letters were dictated to him at which time he was asked to increase the size of the letters in the first five lines. At the sixth line he was told to write in any size that he wished.

On the third page he printed his own name and then letters which were dictated to him. At the time this page was written, [redacted] was much calmer. This page is identified by the mark "3 BKP IEX".

Throughout the entire procedure [redacted] printed the letters dictated to him slowly and carefully. After the letter was dictated he would pause and then print it. Several times he mentioned the fact that these letters might vary in form.

The three pages of handprinting and handwriting specimens obtained from [redacted] along with the "PERSONAL RECORD" of the [redacted], partly filled out in [redacted] handwriting, are herewith being transmitted for your information.

It is requested that these several specimens be compared with the subject letter in instant case and results reported to the Boston Field Division at the earliest possible time, and also the Los Angeles Field Division.

Very truly yours,

*Carl E. Hennrich*

CARL E. HENNRICH  
SAC

Encs. 4  
Bureau File 9-10590  
Boston File 9-816

ENCLOSURE

cc: Los Angeles

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

married April 27, 1941

To [REDACTED]

at Christ  
of Anthony's Church  
Father [REDACTED]  
Some [REDACTED]



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

June 12, 1943

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File # 9-10598

Lab # 9-3273

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Kritzel Film - Victim  
Extortion.

Examination requested by: Bureau (9-316)

Reference: Letter WWS

Examination requested: Recount

Specimens: 9-10598-9

Q1. Four sheets of paper bearing the handwriting and backprinting of [redacted] b7C

Result of examination:

It was concluded that specimens Q1 through Q4 were not prepared by [redacted] whose known handwriting and backprinting specimens have been deposited in the Laboratory as Q2.

The evidence submitted is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Call 9:27 A.M.

June 8, 1943

Typed 9:50 A.M. MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ERACE FLYNN - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

You will recall that a new case has been opened on the basis of a threatening letter received by Flynn postmarked Quincy, Massachusetts. The letter instructed that a notice be placed in a Boston newspaper next to the column of Walter Winchell, which article was to reflect a willingness to meet the extortion demand.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Assistant SAC West of the Boston Division called at the above indicated time and talked to [redacted] at which time he stated that a new suspect had been uncovered, namely, [redacted] was questioned for several hours yesterday by Agents, at which time he admitted being an avid reader of movie magazines and in addition expressed an antagonistic attitude towards Flynn. He stated that he felt that Flynn had bought himself out of his difficulties in connection with the recent rape charges brought against him. [redacted] also pointed out that he believed Walter Winchell to be the only objective newspaper writer in America today. West stated that these facts make out a very strong circumstantial case against [redacted].

BACKGROUND

[redacted] who is 25 years old, is married but residing apart from his wife and is presently on parole from a mental institution in Massachusetts.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

West advised that handwriting specimens of the subject are being forwarded air mail special delivery today. Examination of these specimens will be closely followed.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*Pratt*

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DIRECTOR

ZARF. UNKNOWN SUBS. ERROL FLYNN, VIKEX. FLYNN ADVISED THIS DATE  
THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY FOLLOW UP LETTER.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
This case originated at LOS ANGELES

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES, CALIF.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/21/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>6/14/43</b>
TITLE <b>EDWARD J. BRENNAN; RECOPIER, VICTIM</b>		

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Laboratory report received advising that examination of the shoe had been made with negative results. Victim recontacted stating that he has not received any follow up letter. Bureau advised of results by teletype 6/14/43.

**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from Los Angeles to Bureau, 6/14/43  
Teletype to Los Angeles from Bureau, 6/14/43

**DETAILS:**

Under date of May 15, 1943, Laboratory Report was received in instant case by the Los Angeles Field Division advising that the appropriate examination had been made of the documents submitted and that these examinations had been conducted with negative results.

Under date of June 4, 1943, the Los Angeles Field Division was in receipt of a teletype from the Bureau advising that the victim should be contacted in order to determine if any follow up letter had been received and that the Bureau should be appropriately advised by return teletype.

The victim in instant case had been contacted on several previous occasions by the writer with respect to a letter which the victim was expected to receive, but on these occasions the victim advised that he had not received a follow up letter, and that he would advise the Los Angeles Field Office immediately upon receipt of

any such letter. However, on June 8, 1943, victim FLINN was again contacted by the writer but advised that he had not received a follow up letter, and that he realized the necessity for advising this office immediately upon receipt of any such letter.

Therefore, on June 8, 1943, the Bureau was advised by teletype that the victim had been contacted with negative results.

The Los Angeles Field Division was also in receipt of a letter from the Bureau dated June 8, 1943, advising that inasmuch as no latent fingerprints had been developed on the original documents, the requested comparisons could not be conducted.

- PENDING -

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

At Milton, Massachusetts, will obtain handwriting specimens of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as requested by Bureau teletype dated June 4, 1943.

At Boston, Massachusetts, will obtain handwriting specimens of [REDACTED] which was also requested in Bureau teletype dated

JUNE 8, 1943.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, will keep in contact with victim FARMER in order that she may be appropriately advised should the victim receive any further instructions from the unknown subject who wrote the first letter.



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Laboratory Report

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June 24, 1943  
File # 9-10598

Lab # 93520

Re: Unknown Subject;  
Errol Flynn - Victim  
Extortion.

Examination requested by: Boston (9-491)

Reference: Letter 6-16-43

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- K3 6 sheets of paper and notepaper bearing letters and notes with the purported known handwriting and handprinting of [redacted]
- (C) M Photostatic copies (2), of occupational questionnaire of [redacted] bearing the purported known handwriting and handprinting of same.
- K5 Handprinted letter on letterhead of Westwood Lbr., dated Sept. 5, 1942 bearing purported known handwriting of [redacted]
- K6 3 letters and 2 env. bearing the purported known handwriting and handprinting of [redacted] postmarked envelopes June 9, 1943 addressed to Local 8044 Bldg., Quincy, Mass. Two letters dated May 1, & May 14, 1943 - 1 without date. (2 letters are checks).

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that none of the individuals whose known handwriting and handprinting specimens appear on specimens K3 through K6 prepared any of the handwriting and handprinting appearing on specimens K1 through K4 which comprised the original extortion note which was previously examined in connection with this case.

In accordance with your request, specimens K3 through K6 are being returned herewith. No photostatic copies of specimens K3 through K6 are being retained in the Laboratory's files.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Starnes \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ALICE M. GLENN, JR.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Boston - [redacted] - Registered Mail

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Handwritten signatures and initials, including a large 'P' and 'J'.



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
100 Milk Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
June 16, 1943

**AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY**

**Director, FBI**

**Attention: Technical Laboratory**  
**Laboratory File D-1909**

**RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;**  
**KENOL FLYEN, VICTIM;**  
**EXTORTION**

D3543

**Dear Sir:**

There are enclosed herewith specimens of handwriting and hand-printing of four suspects in the instant case as follows:

1. Letter dated February 27, 1935 written and signed [REDACTED]
2. Yellow sheet of paper bearing written words and figures and signed [REDACTED]
3. Plain lined notepaper bearing handwritten words and figures, dated January 27, 1943 and bearing name [REDACTED]
4. Plain white paper bearing stamp date May 19, 1943, written [REDACTED]
5. Printed list of grocery items and prices on letterhead of [REDACTED] and purported to have been printed by [REDACTED] 9-10598 13
6. Letter with handwritten words and figures on letterhead of [REDACTED] purported to have been written and signed [REDACTED]
7. Photostatic copy of page one of occupational questionnaire of [REDACTED]
8. Photostatic copy of page two of occupational questionnaire of [REDACTED] purported to have been handprinted by [REDACTED]
9. Handprinted letter on letterhead of Westwood Lodge, dated September 5, 1942, bearing name [REDACTED] and purported to have been printed by [REDACTED]



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10. Handprinted envelope postmarked June 7, 1943 addressed to Local Board #126, Quincy, Mass., believed to have been printed by [REDACTED]
11. Handprinted envelope postmarked May 13, 1943 addressed to Local Board #126, Quincy, Mass., believed to have been printed by [REDACTED]
12. Handwritten letter dated May 3, 1943 addressed [REDACTED] bearing signature [REDACTED] and believed to have been written by [REDACTED]
13. Obscure handprinted letter dated May 14, 1943 enclosed in separate sealed envelope believed to have been written by [REDACTED]
14. Obscure handprinted letter without date, also in separate sealed envelope, believed to have been written by [REDACTED]

It is desired that the enclosed specimens be examined and compared with the extortion letter in the instant case to determine if the handprinting and the handwriting on any such documents is identical with the handprinting and two handwritten words in the extortion letter.

If an identification is effected, or if identification appears possible, it is desired that the Boston Office be notified of the advisability of obtaining further handprinting specimens.

It is requested that the results of such examination be reported to the Boston and Los Angeles Field Divisions at the earliest possible date. It is requested that all specimens be returned to the Boston Field Division so that they may be returned to the sources from which received.

Very truly yours,

*Carl E. Hendrich*

CARL E. HENDRICH

Special Agent in Charge

cc-Los Angeles (9-001)

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HTF:Ked

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
100 Milk Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
June 10, 1945

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, FBI

Attention: Technical Laboratory  
Laboratory File B-1909

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ERNEST FLYNN, VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

DEFERRED

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of Special Agent in Charge CARL E. NEWBRIGHT, dated at Boston, Mass., June 8, 1945, transmitting handprinting and handwriting specimens in the instant case. There are enclosed herewith additional specimens as follows:

1. Two photostatic copies of Selective Service questionnaire of suspect [REDACTED] believed to have been written in whole or in part by [REDACTED] brother of [REDACTED]
2. An original letter contained in Selective Service file of [REDACTED] signed by [REDACTED] but possibly written by [REDACTED]
3. Two photostatic copies of Selective Service questionnaires [REDACTED] written in part and signed by [REDACTED]
4. An original information form reported to be in the handwriting of [REDACTED] and filed with his employer.

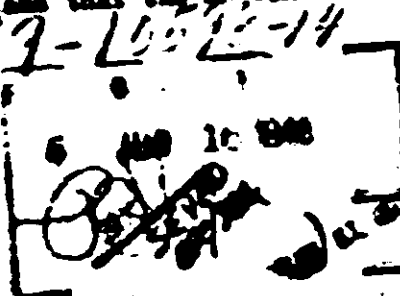
No identification has been made in regard to specimens previously submitted. It is desired that the enclosed specimens be examined and compared with the extortion letter in the instant case to determine if the handprinting and handwriting on any such documents is identical with the handprinting and the two handwritten words in the extortion letter.

If an identification is effected, or if identification appears possible, it is desired that it be determined what parts of these documents were written by [REDACTED] and that the Boston Office be notified of



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the possibility of obtaining handprinting specimens of [REDACTED]

It is requested that the results of such examination be reported to the Boston and Los Angeles Field Divisions at the earliest possible date.

Specimens 2 and 4 should be returned to the Boston Field Division so that they may be returned to the owners thereof.

Very truly yours,

*Carl E. Heinrich*

CARL E. HEINRICH  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Los Angeles (9-691)  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

June 14, 1943

9-10598-14

File # 9-10598

Lab # 9-1116

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Errol Flynn, Victim;  
Extortion.

Examination requested by: Boston (9-1116)

Reference: Letter 6/10/43

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

12. Photostatic copies of Selective Service questionnaire and original questionnaire bearing the purported known handwriting and handprinting of [redacted] and [redacted]

Result of examination:

The handwriting and handprinting appearing on the Selective Service questionnaire of [redacted] have been examined and, while a definite conclusion cannot be reached, it is believed to be in the handwriting and handprinting of [redacted] Public who assisted [redacted] in filling out his questionnaire. The signature of the registrant appearing on page 7 is believed to be the only handwriting of [redacted] appearing on this questionnaire. Consequently, no comparison has been made between the handwriting and handprinting appearing on [redacted] questionnaire with the handprinting appearing on the questioned specimens Q1 through Q4.

Inasmuch as no known handwriting of [redacted] is available for comparison purposes, it is not possible to determine whether his Selective Service questionnaire or the original letter designated in your letter as item #2 are in the handwriting of [redacted]. However, comparison with the signature of [redacted] on his Selective Service questionnaire indicates [redacted]

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

2 Enclosures - REGISTERED MAIL

Handwritten initials and signatures, including "J.H.", "S.P.", and "M."

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that the original letter previously mentioned is not in his handwriting or in the handwriting of [redacted]. Definite conclusions cannot be reached however in this instance as the signature of [redacted] does not offer enough material for comparison purposes.

The handwriting appearing on page 2 of [redacted] Selective Service questionnaire and on the Labor Survey questionnaire of the [redacted] company was compared with specimens of [redacted] through [redacted] but [redacted] could be reached because of the lack of comparable material. It is noted that this known handwriting is in lower case letters while the questioned material is in upper case letters. It is believed that if upper case handwriting of [redacted] could be obtained and submitted for comparison purposes a definite conclusion could be reached.

The original evidence in specimen 12 is being returned herewith, appropriate photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files. The photostatic copies of the Selective Service questionnaires are being retained in the Laboratory's files.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Case Originated At LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA File No. 67-1542-12  
 Report Made At Los Angeles Date Made Aug. 9, 1943 Period Aug. 9, 1943  
BOHCE, WARD Date Made 8-24-43 11, 12, 13, 1943 Report Made by [REDACTED]

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## Title

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
 BERNARD ELKIN, VICTIM

## Character of Case

MURDER

## Synopsis of Facts:

Examination of handwriting and fingerprint of [REDACTED] and of brother [REDACTED] and submitted to Laboratory [REDACTED] with letter in instant case. Suspect [REDACTED] is on parole from State Mental Hospital. In criminal interview suspect volunteered statements showing strong admiration for Walter Winchell and strong dislike for victim. Believes victim was guilty of recent charges against him and was acquitted because "he bought his way out". Believes everyone against him because of his record and declared he wanted to leave town. Suspect refused for four hours to give any specimen of handwriting. Other statements made in interview not given. Technical Laboratory report of examination of letter in instant case reflects that no latent fingerprints were developed and that the writing and printing thereon was not identified in the Anonymous Letter File. Examinations of handwriting and fingerprint of suspects [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] furnished no leads of possible suspects in Bayreuth. Quincy Post Office verifies fact that letters could have been mailed from Quincy, Bayreuth or Braunschweig.

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Reference: Bureau File 9-10098  
Bureau teletype to the Boston Field Division dated June 4, 1948.  
Report of Special Agent [redacted] Boston, Mass., dated  
May 21, 1948.

Detailed AT BRAINTREE, MASS.

[redacted] was contacted by the writer to ascertain if any person in Braintree was known to have written letters similar to the one in the instant case. [redacted] declared that [redacted] had been committed to the Medford State Hospital, an institution for mental cases at Medford, Mass., in 1940 after having been arrested for beating his wife. He stated that [redacted] was home on parole and had been working at the [redacted] Mass., for some two months. He added that the [redacted] arrest pictures of movie stars had been found in his room and that [redacted] made some remarks to the effect that he had written letters to movie star George Raft.

[redacted] also stated that [redacted] had a record involving immoral relations with at least two women prior to his marriage and declared that he would be the type of person who might write a letter such as the one involved in this case. The above information was verified by [redacted]

[redacted] who arrested [redacted] the time of his commitment to the Medford Hospital. [redacted] also advised that a letter mailed in Braintree, Mass., after 6 PM would be picked up by a truck from the Quincy Post Office and would bear a Quincy postmark. It is noted that the letter in the instant case is postmarked Quincy, Mass., 8 PM and, therefore, could have been mailed in Braintree.

[redacted] on [redacted] South Braintree, produced the application for employment for the instant [redacted] which purports to be in his handwriting. It was ascertained that [redacted] was previously employed by that company as a laborer.

[redacted] which indicated that he was classified as mentally incompetent and had been out on parole from the Medford State Hospital since prior to April 22, 1948. Printing and writing on his questionnaire and on other documents in the file bearing his name were compared with the letter in the instant case and some similarity in writing was noted. It was not certain, however, whether his questionnaire and other documents were written by the suspect or by some other person.

AT BRANSTREE, MASS.

Incident Physician, Medfield State Hospital, stated that [redacted] was committed to that institution in 1940 after his arrest on an assault charge. The record of the patient showed that he was born June 2, 1918 at Braintree, Mass.; that he had had sex difficulties and that he had been involved with two women before his marriage and had been convicted in 1937 in Quincy, Mass. on a charge of fornication. His diagnosis was psychosis with mental deficiency—mora, with a professional diagnosis of domestic process.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was a docile and hard-working patient and that his principal trouble seemed to be low mentality, ungovernable temper and an obsession that his wife was untrue to him. He knew of no undue interest on [redacted] part in movie stars but declared that the patient was very vain of his appearance and apparently tried to look like some characters in the movies.

The records of the institution revealed that [redacted] had been released from the hospital April 8, 1945 on a three months trial visit and that he was at Braintree during the period when the instant letter was mailed.

[redacted], a nurse in charge of [redacted] ward during part of his stay at the hospital, described [redacted] as tall about his appearance and "peppy". She did not remember any unusual interest on his part in movie stars and did not recall that he was a reader of movie magazines. She said that he did have access to daily papers during his commitment and could have followed the recent case against the Victim. He was described as an avid reader of True Romance, Love Stories and similar magazines of the sexy type. She said that he blamed everyone but himself for his troubles and considered himself greatly wronged by his commitment to the hospital.

AT BRANSTREE, MASS.

[redacted] was not as he expected for work at his place of employment by [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] voluntarily accompanied the agents to the Braintree Police Station where he was interviewed at length. During this interview [redacted] was very excited and during a great portion of the time was emotionally upset and defiant. For four hours he steadfastly refused to give samples of his handwriting or handprinting although he repeatedly denied that he had ever written anyone since his release from the hospital.

During the course of the interview, and before the nature of the instant letter or the addressee thereof was ever told him, the subjects of newspapers and movies were casually advanced by the interviewing agents.

Without any previous mention of Winchell's name, volunteered that he liked to read commentator's columns and expressed ardent admiration for Walter Winchell, stating that he was the only columnist who was "not afraid of anyone" and declared that he read Winchell's column regularly, and often listened to him on the radio. Later, when the victim's name was brought out in general conversation about movies, went into a long tirade against RYAN, declaring that he was guilty of recent charges against him, but that he had been able to "buy his way out". declared that fellows like RYAN with lots of money could "get away with anything" but that in his opinion RYAN should be punished and be made to pay for his acts. He said that he, himself, would have been railroaded in such a case.

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Then went into a discussion of how everybody was against him and how he was blamed for everything because of his record, so much so that "several weeks ago" he had "about decided to leave town and get into the Merchant Marine" or "go to California". then pointed out that when he went to movies in which RYAN appeared women in the audience would make remarks among themselves about RYAN's case and that he would get so disgusted that he would leave. He also remarked several times that RYAN had more money than he needed and that money meant nothing to him (meaning RYAN).

On one occasion stated that "I made up my mind before we got to the station I would not give you any copies of my handwriting." It is to be noted that he was not told the purpose of this interview until after he had arrived at the station.

On another occasion stated, "there was no signature on that letter and I was not mentioned in it so why do you accuse me". It is to be noted that at the time of this statement the letter had not been described to him and, in fact, the pretext was used that copies of his printing was desired because letters signed in his name had been sent to several people in the vicinity. After all the above incidents and statements was specifically asked if he had written the instant letter to RYAN. RYAN and the contents were referred to specifically. then exhibited violent reactions and became very excited and loudly and repeatedly denied writing such letter. He appeared much more disturbed and excited than in the early part of the interview when the letter was referred to without description of its contents and without anything of the addresses thereon.

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 8. The eighth step is to maintain the solution.
 9. The ninth step is to improve the solution.
 10. The tenth step is to document the solution.

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I told a woman  
of about 1 month  
of age and 12  
of 100 lbs. weight

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The Technical Laboratory, on May 18, 1942, reported that the extortion letter in the instant case had been treated chemically for the development of latent fingerprints but that no prints of value had been detected. The Laboratory also reported that the handwriting and handprinting appearing in the letter was searched through the Anonymous Letter File of the Bureau without effecting an identification. The report further described the envelope of the letter as white bond paper measuring 4.12 x 9.45 inches to 2.5 inches (2.000 to 2.004 inches) weighing 2.006 grams and bearing no watermark. The report further describes the three sheets of the letter as being of white bond unruled paper measuring 2.53 inches by 10.94 inches by 2.035 inches. It weighs 4.186 grams and bears no watermark.

AT MILTON, MASS.

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[redacted] stated after a search of his file, that he had no knowledge of the writing of suspected individuals [redacted] and [redacted]. Two residents of Milton, whom he described as the type of persons who might write letters in the instant case.

[redacted] described by him as being approximately fifty-five years of age, [redacted] and residing at [redacted] stated that he had been a recipient of town welfare for many years and that samples of his handwriting might be obtained at the Town Welfare Office.

[redacted] described by [redacted] as being [redacted] residing at [redacted]. Both men were thought by the Chief to be north-siders.

[redacted] Agent, Milton Board of Public Welfare, Town Hall, produced four specimens of writing of [redacted] which were in the files of the Welfare Department and which were taken by the agent for submission to the Laboratory for examination.

[redacted] Officer Manager, Milton Pensioning Board, 204 Town Hall, furnished the agent with two specimens of the handwriting and printing of [redacted]. These specimens, together with the specimens from the Welfare Office, have been submitted to the Laboratory for examination and comparison with the instant letter.

[redacted] Clerk, Local Board #121, Canton Junior High School, furnished all occupational questionnaires of [redacted]. Photostatic copies of questionnaires, which bear handprinting of [redacted] were made and are being submitted to the Technical Laboratory for comparison and examination.

The occupational questionnaire of [redacted] also located in the files of said Local Board, contained no adequate specimens of writing or printing of [redacted]

#### AT BIRMINGHAM, MASS.

[redacted] Town Clerk, Town of Hingham, advised that suspect [redacted] had never made application for any license in the office of the town clerk. He also stated that [redacted] was not listed as a registered voter in the town of Hingham but remarked that [redacted] had written him a letter some time ago asking information concerning registering as a legal voter.

[redacted] then produced a handprinted letter from [redacted] dated September 8, 1943 which was taken by the agent and is being submitted to the Laboratory for examination. No adequate specimens of the writing of [redacted] were found from examination of the records of Local Board #128, East Weymouth, Mass., but information in the files of subject board reflects [redacted] full name to be [redacted] address [redacted]

#### AT QUINCY, MASS.

While engaged in another investigation the writer was informed by [redacted] Secretary, Local Board #128, 11 Maple Street, that he had recently received three obscene letters of communication signed "THOMAS PARKER" and "JOHN J. JONES" but believed to have been written by one [redacted]

The three letters in question, two being handprinted and one handwritten, together with handprinted envelopes in which two of the letters were mailed, were taken by the writer and are being submitted to the Technical Laboratory for examination.

[redacted] Superintendent, Quincy Post Office, verified the fact that the letter in the instant case could have been mailed from either Quincy, Braintree or Weymouth, Mass. The records of the Post Office indicated that the mail pickup in Braintree or Weymouth on April 22, 1943 was brought into the Quincy Post Office at 6:25 P. M., and in due course of events would have probably been postmarked 8:00 P. M., which is the post mark of the extortion letter in the instant case. Inquiry by [redacted] among handlers and stampers of all disclosed no one who knew of the source of instant letter or the pickup thereof.

#### AT BIRMINGHAM, MASS.

[redacted] interviewed [redacted] concerning the residence in the town of Weymouth of persons at the [redacted] who might write letters such as that in the instant case, but could furnish the names of no possible suspects in the town of Weymouth.

- PENDING -

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**BOSTON FIELD DIVISION**

**AL BOWEN, BARR**

Will report the results of the Laboratory examination of handwriting and handprinting specimens heretofore submitted to the Technical Laboratory.

**ENDING**



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

File No. 9-10-10

Date dictated at 102 A.M.

Date dictated 7-22-43

Period 6-25-43 to 7-1-43

Report made by

Boston, Mass.

Character of case

SUBJECTS:  
BROOKLYN - Victim

EXTORTION

Technical laboratory reports no identification effected of handwriting and fingerprint specimens of Subject.

No conclusion reached in regards to handwriting and fingerprint of [redacted] additional specimens of handwriting and fingerprint of [redacted] and specimens of handwriting and fingerprint of [redacted] wife of Subject [redacted] Laboratory of [redacted]

Report No. 9-10798

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 21, 1943 at Boston, Mass. Report of Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] dated June 21, 1943 at Los Angeles, Calif.

AT BOSTON, MASS.

The Technical Laboratory on June 21, 1943 reported that from an examination of the handwriting and fingerprint specimens of Subject [redacted] it was concluded that the letter in the instant case was not prepared by [redacted]

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The Technical Laboratory on June 14, 1943 reported that additional specimens of the purported handwriting of [redacted] on his Selective Service questionnaire were not believed to have been written by [redacted] and consequently no comparison was made. The report further stated that it was not possible to determine if the Selective Service questionnaire of [redacted] was written by such person and that a comparison of the signature of [redacted] with the original letter in the file of [redacted] indicated that such letter was not in the handwriting of either [redacted].

The report further stated that the purported known specimens of the handwriting of [redacted] were compared with the letter in the instant case, but that no conclusion could be reached because of the lack of comparable material and it was suggested that additional specimens of [redacted] be submitted.

The Technical Laboratory on June 14, 1943 reported that an examination had been made of the purported known handwriting and handwriting specimens of Suspect [redacted] and from such examination it was concluded that none of such individuals prepared any of the handwriting or handwriting of the letter in instant case.

AT BOSTON, MASS.

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[redacted] was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent [redacted] and prepared specimens of handwriting and handwriting which were taken by the writer and have been submitted to the Technical Laboratory for examination.

[redacted] stated that after looking at the original letter in the Selective Service file of [redacted] he believed that such letter had been written by [redacted] estranged wife, Mary [redacted] He said that [redacted] was presently residing in Quincy, Mass., her exact address being unknown to him.

Because of a noted similarity in the specimens of the handwriting of [redacted] in the instant letter and the word "purportedly" written by [redacted] was found advisable to get copies of the handwriting of [redacted]



UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT BOSTON, MASS.

Will report the results of the laboratory examination of  
the handwriting and handprinting specimens of Suspect's  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] heretofore  
submitted to the Technical Laboratory.

CHARGE

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
100 Milk Street  
Boston, 9, Massachusetts  
July 10, 1943

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director, F. B. I.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Errol Flynn, Victim  
Extortion  
Bureau file 9-10598

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith specimens of handwriting  
and handprinting of two suspects in the instant case as follows:

1. 5 sheets of paper identified by the Nos. 1 to 5  
respectively and bearing the words [REDACTED] b7c  
KIP and WAB. These specimens are the [REDACTED]  
writing of suspect [REDACTED]

2. 10 sheets of white paper identified on the back there-  
of by the Nos. 1 to 10 respectively, KIP, 7-7-43. These specimens  
are the known handwriting and handprinting of [REDACTED]  
estranged wife of  
suspect [REDACTED]

It is desired that the enclosed specimens be examined  
and compared with the extortion letter in instant case to determine  
if the handprinting and the handwriting on any such documents is  
identical with the handprinting and two handwritten words in the  
extortion letter.

It is requested that the results of such examination be  
reported to the Boston and Los Angeles Field Divisions at the  
earliest possible date. It is not necessary that any such speci-  
mens be returned to the Boston Field Division.

Very truly yours,



cc - Los Angeles (944)

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COPY AND SPECIMENS RETURNED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Laboratory Reports

July 27, 1942

Lab 9 2000-17

## Conclusion

Re: Unknown Subject  
Brock Flynn, Victim  
Extortion

Examination requested by: Bureau

Reference: Letter 1-28-43

Examination requested:

**Good Luck!**

17 Five sheets of paper identified by 3-6 respectively bearing  
 18 heavy handwriting and handwriting of subject

20 The index of white matter having the same handwriting as [redacted] with [redacted]

### LEVEL OF REVELATION:

It was concluded the [redacted] whose known handwriting and handprinting appear as [redacted] and [redacted] on the handwriting and handprinting appearing on specimens of through of which were previously submitted in connection with the [redacted] case. The examination could be worked as to the [redacted].

[redacted] whose known handwriting and handprinting appear on specimen of prepared the handwriting and handprinting appearing on [redacted] of through of because of the possibility of the presence of [redacted]. It is requested that additional specimens in the writing of the questioned material be obtained from [redacted] and submit for further comparison. It is also suggested that [redacted] be asked to address several envelopes of the approximate size of specimen of to large letters and using the address of the victim.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lt. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TELETYPE

WASHINGTON FROM BOSTON

DIRECTOR

CHOP

UNKNOWN SUB. ERROL FLYNN, VICTIM. EXTORTION. BUREAU FILE NINE DASH ONE

FIVE NINE EIGHT. SIGNED STATEMENT SECURED THIS DATE FROM

[REDACTED], ESTRANGED WIFE OF [REDACTED] SUSPECT, [REDACTED]

ADMITTING THAT SHE HAD PRINTED EXTORTION LETTER IN INSTANT CASE UNDER

COMPULSION OF [REDACTED] WHO THREATENED HER WITH SEVERE BODILY

HARM IF SHE REFUSED TO WRITE IT OR IF SHE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCLOSED FACT

SHE HAD WRITTEN LETTER. SHE DID NOT MAIL LETTER BUT SUSPECT TOOK IT

FROM HER ROOM AND PRESUMABLY MAILED IT HIMSELF. REFER REPORT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DATED JUNE TWENTY FOUR LAST AT BOSTON SETTING OUT THAT SUSPECT

WAS PLACED IN MENTAL INSTITUTION AUGUST FORTY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

PATIENT BUT PRESENTLY OUT OF INSTITUTION ON TRAIL VISIT. IS BELIEVED

PRESENTLY IN BRAINTREE, MASS. CASE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH USA, BOSTON

AUGUST FIVE AFTER WHICH BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED. LGS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASHINGTON FROM BOSTON

DIRECTOR

CHOP. UNKNOWN SUB, ERROL FLYNN, VICTIM. EXTORTION. BUREAU FILE  
NINE DASH ONE NAUGHT FIVE NINE EIGHT. PROSECUTION ON GROUND LETTER NOT VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN  
SECTION THREE THREE EIGHT A. LOS ANGELES ADVISED.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

August 4, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. T. S. [unclear]

RE: [unclear] SUBJECT:  
[unclear] - [unclear]  
[unclear]

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Gurnea ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Hendon ✓  
Mr. Mumford ✓  
Mr. Quinn ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

The Boston Field Division has advised by teletype that an omission has been secured from [redacted] Quincy, Massachusetts to the effect that she wrote the extortion letter received by screen actor Errol Flynn, dated April 23, 1943 under the compulsion of her estranged husband, [redacted] who presumably later mailed the letter himself. [redacted] has been an inmate of mental institutions for several years and is now on temporary release from the Medfield State Hospital. He is believed to be in the vicinity of Braintree, Massachusetts.

The facts of the case will be discussed with the United States Attorney today and the Bureau will be immediately advised of his decision relative to prosecution.

The background of this case in addition to the most recent development in the investigation has been furnished to Mr. [unclear] of the Press Relations Office for his consideration. L. C. A. [unclear]

Respectfully,

J. E. [unclear]

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

File No. 9-310 M

Case originated at LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Report made at

Date Made

Period

Report Made by

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

8-8-43

8-4, 5/43

Title

"CHANCE"

Character

EXTORTION

## SYNOPSIS

Technical Laboratory reports no identification effected on handwriting and handprinting specimens of suspects [redacted] and [redacted] and no conclusion reached regarding [redacted]. Additional specimens of [redacted] and [redacted] were taken and are being retained in file. [redacted] signed statement 8-8-43, admits that Extortion letter in instant case was handprinted and handwritten by her under compulsion of subject [redacted] who threatened her with severe bodily harm if she refused to write the letter or if she subsequently disclosed the fact that she had written letter. Subject took letter and envelope and presumably mailed same himself. Subject still a patient of Medfield State Hospital and is presently out of that institution on trial visit of three months. United States Attorney, Boston, declines prosecution on grounds instant letter does not constitute violation of Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 873. Description of subject and [redacted] set forth.

## REFERENCE

BUREAU FILE 9-10500 [redacted] Boston, Mass., dated 7-12-43  
REPORT of [redacted]  
TELETYPE from Boston Field Division to Bureau dated 8-8-43  
TELETYPE August 5, 1943 from Boston Field Division to Bureau and LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
<p>7-105-12-24</p> <p>1943</p> <p>EX-38</p>		<p>INDEXED</p> <p>FILED</p>

**DETAILS:** The title of this case is being changed to reflect the true name of the subject herein. Title had previously been designated as "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS."

**AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

The Technical Laboratory on July 27, 1942, reported that from an examination of the known handprinting and handwriting of suspect [REDACTED] it was concluded that such suspect did not prepare the letter in instant case. The Laboratory further reported that no conclusion could be reached in regard to the handprinting and handwriting specimen of [REDACTED] because of possibility of presence of disguise. Additional specimens were requested of the handprinting and handwriting of [REDACTED]

**AT QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS**

In accordance with Laboratory request, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were interviewed by the writer and SA [REDACTED] at the Quincy Police Station and additional samples of her handwriting and her handprinting taken. In view of subsequent events, these samples are being submitted to the Technical Laboratory but are being retained in the files of the Boston Field Division. These specimens consist of 12 sheets of paper labelled 1 to 12 respectively and on the back thereof bear the initials [REDACTED] and 6 envelopes addressed to HENRY FLYNN labelled 1 to 6 respectively and on the back thereof bear the initials E.J.P. and J.E.W.

After preparing the requested specimens of handprinting and handwriting, [REDACTED] was interviewed at length as to whether she is collaborating with or on demand of [REDACTED] and printed and written the extortion letter and envelope in instant case. The extreme similarity between her writing and printing and that of the letter was pointed out to her and after prolonged questioning she admitted that the extortion letter in instant case had been, in fact, handprinted and handwritten by her. She stated that she had been forced to write the letter under threat of physical harm by her estranged husband, [REDACTED]

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She then made the following voluntary statement concerning the circumstances surrounding the preparation of the letter in question. (At her request, her name is shown therein as [REDACTED])

"AUGUST 4, 1941,  
Quincy, Mass.

"I [REDACTED] make this voluntary statement to Special Agents [REDACTED] of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, who have informed me that I do not have to make any statement and that any I do make may be used against me. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement.

"I married [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] I lived with him until the first part of August 1941 when he gave me a beating and was arrested by the Braintree Police. He was then sent to Medfield, Mass. State Hospital where he has been a patient since. On several occasions he has been home on parole or trial visits. He was home on a trial visit in April of 1941.

"On several occasions while we lived together he beat me, choked me and threatened to kill me. On the occasion in August 1941, for which he was arrested and sent to Medfield he tied me to a bed and beat me, and stepped on my stomach.

"After [REDACTED] was in Medfield Hospital, I got a job at [REDACTED] where I am now working, and went to live at [REDACTED] Quincy, Mass. where I am now living. Part of the time my 17 month old baby is with me at that address, and part of the time the baby is with my mother in Cohasset.

"During the week before Easter 1941 he came to the house where I live. This was on either April 21, 22 or 23, 1941. He came there in the afternoon and I was alone in the house. He came up to my room on the second floor and we talked. My baby was then at my mother's in Cohasset Mass., and he was mad because she wasn't there. He argued with me about that and threatened to take the baby away from me. He also calked that I had forged his name on his paycheck and cashed it. By this he meant his last pay check for the period just before he was sent to Medfield in 1941. He threatened to have me arrested for forgery.

"While in the room he picked up some movie magazines I had in my room. He has long been an admirer of GEORGE RAFT, and thinks he looks like RAFT. He saw a writing pad on my bed (I had been writing to my mother) and said he would like to write to GEORGE RAFT to tell him how much he thought of him. He asked me if I would write the letter for him and I refused. He then started to talk about ERIC FLYNN, and declared that FLYNN was guilty of the charges that had been recently brought against him by two girls. I argued with him and said I thought FLYNN was innocent. He got very heated and angry over this argument.

"He then said he needed money and he knew a way to get it. He asked me if I'd write for him. I said, "To who?" He said, "To Flynn. I'm going to give him my viewpoint of what happened." He then said that if I didn't write for him he'd take the baby away from me, and would tell about the check, and said that it would be too bad for me if I didn't write for him. He then handed me the writing paper pad and told me to "write or print" what he said. I refused, and we argued again. I was sitting on the bed and he was standing over me with his fists clinched and with a terrible look on his face. I was scared, so I started to write. He said, "No, you'd better print." So I started again, this time printing, as he told me the words to print. Everytime I would stop he'd tell me to go ahead. All the time I printed he stood right over me with his fists doubled up. When the letter was done he asked if I had any envelopes and I said, "No." He then said, "you'd better get one" and he followed me into the next room, where I found one. He then made me address the letter to ERIC FLYNN and told me the address. He also directed me to write "do not ignore" and "beware" on the envelope.

"When all this was finished he said not to tell anybody about this or it would be too bad for me, that even if they sent him back to Macfield he would get away and come and "get me."

"When I last saw the letter, it and the envelope were still in the writing pad. I had turned my head and was crying, and didn't see him take the letter, but when he left a few minutes later, the letter and envelope were gone. I haven't seen him since, except at a distance on the streets.

"I have been shown a letter addressed to MR. ERIC FLYNN together with an envelope also addressed to FLYNN postmarked Quincy, Mass., April 23, 1943. This letter consists of three printed pages, printed on both sides.

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It starts: "My FLYNN!!! If you know what is good for you you will pay attention to them girls-----" It ends: "Do not worry it will not be over 12000 for that's all I need to skip town." The second page starts: "received this and in a week if you want want troublemaker." This is the letter [redacted] made me write as described above, and it is all in my hand and printing and handwriting. The envelope, addressed to Mr. ERIC FLYNN, 601 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California, also containing the words "Do not ignore" and "beware" is also in my hand printing and was written by me [redacted] direction as above described.

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"I printed this letter and envelope just as described above, on [redacted] demand, because I was afraid for my life if I didn't do it."

"I have read the above statement, consisting of this and three other pages, each signed by me, and it is true."

"1/4 [redacted]"

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[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

This signed statement is being retained in the files of this Division.

It was ascertained from [redacted]

[redacted] that the subject, [redacted] and left the employ of that company about July 20, 1943, [redacted] declared, however, that he had seen [redacted] the street in Braintree about August 1 and that he believed that [redacted] was still living in Braintree.

It was ascertained from [redacted] Assistant Physician, Medfield State Hospital, Medfield, Mass., that the subject had reported to the hospital July 6, 1943 and had remained over night for observation and had been again released July 8/43 for another trial visit of three months duration. He advised that subject still resided at 123 Penn Street, Braintree, Mass., but that the hospital records did not show where the subject was employed. He remembered a telephone call about two weeks ago from a doctor in some [redacted] near Boston. [redacted] ing as to the [redacted]

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He did not remember the name of the plant nor was there any record made of the call.

Records, [REDACTED] of the subject, Mass., [REDACTED] is presently employed there as a second-class [REDACTED] on the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift. [REDACTED] it is believed from his past conduct that cooperation may be expected from him in regard to the location of the subject, if the subject's apprehension is [REDACTED].

AT BOSTON, MASS.

The facts in this case were presented on August 2, 1943, to Asst. United States Attorney EDWARD D. HANSEN who declined prosecution on the ground that, in his opinion, the instant letter did not constitute a violation of Section 130-a, Title 18, U.S. Code.

A description of the subject was ascertained from observation and personal interview as follows:

NAME	[REDACTED]
ADDRESS	[REDACTED]
Age	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5' 8"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Black, curly, worn pompadour style with sideburns
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Medium
Appearance	Attempts to look like Movie Actor, [REDACTED]
Selective Service	Local Board [REDACTED]
Relative	[REDACTED]

Description of [REDACTED] ascertained by personal interview and observation is as follows:

Name	[REDACTED]
Age	25 years
Weight	180 pounds
Eyes	Brown (deep set)
Hair	Dark brown
Build	Slender
Complexion	Medium
Face	Beard with prominent nose

ENCLOSURES: TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, BOSTON, MASS.

- 1 copy of report of [REDACTED], Los Angeles, Calif.,  
dated 5-5-43;
- 1 copy of report of SA [REDACTED], Boston, Mass.,  
dated 5-22-43;
- 1 copy of report of [REDACTED], Boston, Mass.,  
dated 6-24-43;
- 1 copy of report of [REDACTED], Boston, Mass.,  
dated 7-22-43.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/26/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/7/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>[REDACTED]</b> <b>UNKNOWN - VIOTEN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>[REDACTED]</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles, Calif.  
Declines prosecution of subjects at  
Los Angeles.

**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File 65-10000  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
dated May 8, 1943 at  
Los Angeles, California.  
Teletype from Boston Field Division,  
dated August 8, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this case is being changed in order to reflect the  
addition of [REDACTED] as subjects. The  
amount of this case is previously listed as [REDACTED] subjects.

On August 8, 1943, the Los Angeles Field Division was advised  
by teletype from the Boston Field Division that [REDACTED]  
estranged wife of [REDACTED] had given a signed letter dated  
August 4, 1943, admitting that she had written the extortion letter in  
instant case under compulsion of [REDACTED] who threatened her  
with severe bodily harm if she refused to write it and if she subsequently  
disclosed the fact that she had written this letter. [REDACTED] stated  
she did not mail the letter, but that the subject took it from her and  
presumably mailed it himself.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <b>[REDACTED]</b> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	ON FILED IN THIS OFFICE <b>9-1125-14122</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 1 - U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles 1 - [REDACTED]	1 - [REDACTED]

It is to be noted that in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 21st last at Boston, Massachusetts, it was set out that the suspect [redacted] had been placed in a mental institution August 19, 1941, where he is presently a patient, but that at the time of the mailing of instant letter, [redacted] was out of this institution on a trial visit. The above facts were presented to the U. S. Attorney at Boston, who declined prosecution on the ground that the letter did not constitute a violation of Title 18, Section 550-b.

Accordingly upon receipt of this teletype, the facts of [redacted] case were presented to Assistant U. S. Attorney CHARLES E. VIALI, who likewise declined prosecution of the subjects in Los Angeles due to the fact that [redacted] of unsound mind, and that it was he who had caused this letter to be written. VIALI indicated that [redacted] as [redacted] was of unsound mind there was no case, and that [redacted] had merely written this letter at the request of a person who was of unsound mind and who had threatened her with bodily harm.

A report dated July 27, 1942 was received from the Laboratory, indicating that they had examined the [redacted] known handwriting was submitted, did not prove the similarity appearing on the specimens submitted in connection with the above entitled case. No conclusion was reached as to whether or not [redacted] whose known handwriting and handwriting appear on this specimen, wrote the letter, because of the possibility of the presence of disguise.

- CLOSING -

## Laboratory Work Sheet

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500 5TH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

File #  
Lab. #

**SECRET** **01521**

Examination requested by: **Lat. 5-20-61**

date of reference communication:

**Date received:**

Imagination requested:

result of Examination:

**Examination by:**

b7c

- 23 6 sheets of paper and specimens submitted for examination with the reported  
 known handwriting and handwriting of Boris Bruhn.  
 24 Photostatic copies (2), 1st of occupational questionnaire of [redacted]  
 bearing the reported name number and number of [redacted]  
 25 Handwritten letter on letterhead of [redacted] dated Sept. 3, 1942 bearing  
 reported known handwriting of [redacted]  
 26 3 letters and 2 cms. bearing the [redacted] and known number, a letter of [redacted]  
 [redacted] on cms. June 7, 1943 & May 13, 1943, cms. to [redacted]  
 [redacted] and of [redacted] dated May 1, & May 14, 1943 & without date.  
 (2 letters checked)

San Francisco (7-678)

Endorse  
Returned to  
9/11/11

6-25-43

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7-11-75

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Unknown Subject's Travel Voucher, Violating Exemption.  
Requested by: Los Angeles (9-10598-1)  
Date ref comm: Feb. 4/30

ON  
TOM

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9-4-43  
3443 78 80

Other cases: 2070  
Report only

9-10598-1

File # 9-10598-1  
Lab. # 2070

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9-10598-1

LA 21000 Flynn, Earl (9-10598-1) Marshall

Date of reference communication: Feb 8-30-43

Date received: 9-4-43 80

Examination requested: See-Case

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 67C

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 In our copy to Mr. Earl Flynn re inquiry, March, Apr. 23, 1943, 8 pg.  
Q2 Lab check of copy lab inspection by the present copy, "Mr. Flynn!!! 27 Feb 1943  
Q3 that is good for FBI....."  
Q4 Lab check of copy lab copy, "RECEIVED THIS AND IS A COPY OF THE BUREAU....."  
Q5 Lab check of copy lab copy, "THIS WILL BE April 29 AND THERE....."

*Exhibition  
Returned to Boston  
5-15-43  
JAH*

*1-2-5-4-3  
mills*

Notes and photos to Los Angeles  
see Boston

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3:00 PM  
6-11-43

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: Unknown Subject;  
Avali Flynn, Victim  
Laboration

File # 9-11-72  
Lab. # 3-11-43

Examination requested by: Boston (9-11-43)

Date of reference communication: Letter 6-10-43

Date received: 6-11-43  
SS

Examination requested: Same

Result of Examination:

Examination of [REDACTED]

67C

Specimens submitted for examination

22-Subpart

22 Photostatic copies of Selective Service Section bearing the and original  
questionnaire by the [REDACTED] known [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CC-Los Angeles

22-Subpart 2 + 4 added  
Returned 6-12-43  
SAA

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MR IF YOU N

[REDACTED]

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UP 60 75 32  
UP 20 22 25

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April 29, Deadline

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April  
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March 22 1939

BOSTON RECORD  
GET GIRL

WORRY  
DOUGH  
YET BUT  
YOU WILL

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WHEN  
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PAY GIRLS  
FOR KILN

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I KNOW YOU DID

IT

Mr. Pick

MR. PICK

YOU WILL PAY  
ATTENTION TO THEM  
GIRLS

YOUR  
ANSWER

IN THE RECORD  
BOSTON  
GET WHY WHAT I  
MEAN CHUM DO NOT  
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GET

THEM GIRLS  
DONT FORGET  
MR FLEN  
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DOUGH  
DO NOT WORRY  
YOU CANNOT  
FOOL ME  
WINCHEL COLUM



6-15-41

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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NY  
WPA

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a letter or memo, spanning the lower half of the page.]*

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I would have been so much more than I could  
possibly have done for you. I am sure that you  
will be able to do so much more for me than I  
can do for you. I am sure that you will be able  
to do so much more for me than I can do for you.  
I am sure that you will be able to do so much  
more for me than I can do for you. I am sure  
that you will be able to do so much more for me  
than I can do for you. I am sure that you will  
be able to do so much more for me than I can  
do for you. I am sure that you will be able to  
do so much more for me than I can do for you.

MR. LEWIS IF YOU KNOW  
WHAT I SAID FOR YOU  
YOU WILL PAY ATTENTION  
TO THEM GIRLS YOU  
RAPE D. I KNOW YOU  
DID IT. YOU (D) CAN

b7c

NOT FOOL ME. SO YOU  
BETTER FORK OVER  
SOME DOE. PUT YOUR  
ANSWER IN THE  
BOSTON DAILY RECORD  
D. PUT IT NEAR  
WINCHELL COLUMN  
AND JUST SAY ANY  
THING BUT GIVE A  
HINT YOU RECEIVED

THIS AND IN A WEEK  
IF YOU DON'T WANT  
TROUBLE GET WHAT  
I MEAN CHUM. BE  
HEARING FROM YOU  
DON'T FORGET A WEEK  
FROM TODAY THAT  
WILL BE APRIL 29  
DEAD LINE AND THEN  
I WILL SEND YOUR  
INSTRUCTIONS ON

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WHERE AND WHEN  
TO LEAVE THE MONEY  
AND HOW MUCH. DO  
NOT WORREY IT  
WILL NOT BE OVER  
15,000 FOR THATS  
ALL I NEED TO  
SKIP TOWN.

Lead line April 29

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Lead line April 29

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REDACTED - VICTIM

*Handwritten signature/initials*

*204*  
Salisbury:

An examination of the instant file disclosed that proper attention has not been given to the indexing of names of suspects, and the file should be carefully reviewed in order that these names may be indexed for future reference as well as to ascertain what, if any, information concerning these suspects is already contained in other files of the Los Angeles Office.

Explanation:

The file has been reviewed and all pertinent names indexed and searched through the Los Angeles index, and several references of apparent value have been received. The necessity for proper indexing has been called to the attention of the Agent handling the case.

12-15-72  
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20 OF 20

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10  
MAY 1962 EDITION  
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : E. P. COFFEE *EC*  
FROM : H. B. LONG  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
Arrol Flynn - Victim  
Bureau File # 9-10598

DATE: 9-30-45

*EC*

The file maintained in the Laboratory in this case has been disposed of and there is attached an envelope containing the material which was in the Laboratory file and which is not duplicated in the Investigative File. It is desired that the Records Section file this as an enclosure behind the file.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
**THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP**

For use in the case of Registered Letters  
 (If unregistered, insert "NONE")

Registered No.

Serial No.

17513

FROM—

TO—

Date of letter  
 (or postmark  
 if letter undated)

PREVIOUS RECORDS, IF RELEVANT

None

For information use by A. G.  
 or D. A. G. only.

Allocation of this comment sheet:

Whether to be photographed—

If so, to whom photograph is to be sent—

DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL LETTER—

Released, held, condemned  
 or sent with comment to—

**COMMENT**PAR. 3, L. 1

A list of names follows - ostensibly those who have continued  
 the chain -

PAR. 4, L. 1

"Within nine days from the time you receive the chain, send nine  
 copies to nine different persons and you will receive an agreeable sur-  
 prise. If you do not do so, you will inevitably be victim of a misin-  
 time."

PAR. 5, L. 1

Five rows of letters of the alphabet irregularly arranged are  
 appended.

1 enclosure in each cover.

H. H.  
 1675

6-20-42

Division  
 (or section)

TABLE

EXAMINER

D.A.C.

Date

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP

Personal

Mail No.

Put me in the path of a Dangerous Letter  
(If not, please mark "Harmless")

Registered No.

17542

of letter  
ostmark  
(er undated)

(March 12, 1942)

To: MISS  
MISS  
MISS

Hollywood, U.S.A.

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None

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SPANISH

COMMENT

MILITARY

POSSIBLE CODE

Five chain letters without sender's address from Brazil to moving picture stars, containing a "chain" invitation with rows of unexplained letters appended.

Part 1.1.1 : Translated:

"This good luck chain originated in Costa Rica, whence it was sent to the Senor Clarito Enrique. He sent it to me and so it continued. Breaking this chain will bring bad luck inevitably to whoever breaks it. Do not despise the counsels of the chain even if you are not superstitious. Remember there are forces that direct the destinies of the world."

Part 2.1.1. "This"

"Lieutenant-Colonel Enrique, of the Venezuelan army received a prize of 11,000 pesos from the lottery. Doctor Enrique, who did not carry on the chain, was victim of the airplane which burst in his house and a shot, which he received before an aviation accident - President Gaitanar of the Argentine broke the chain and good fortune always attended him. General Enrique of Paraguay was named minister to Washington and married the daughter of the President of Paraguay - Colonel Batisterra, who continued the chain, also had the commission to lead a victorious army, but his identity of Paraguay by nomination of the citizens, by President Gaitanar he broke it and died tragically in an aviation accident."

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**G. E. N.**

**ERROL FLYNN**

MORAL TURPITUDE

**PUBLICITY, LIES**

AND WHAT HAVE YOU?

**York City**

NOV. 24, 1942

51608

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
DEC 30 1942  
PHILADELPHIA OFFICE  
ROUTED TO: FILE

Errol Flynn, movie actor, was held for trial on two charges of rape, after hearings in Hollywood. One of the accusers said she was 15 when Flynn raped her on his yacht; the California law protects children by making the age of consent 18.

Behind the news: In 1937 Errol Flynn came to Madrid, saying he was bringing a large sum of money and the good will of the movie colony to the Loyalists in their fight against Hitler, Mussolini and Franco, the Axis. This was a falsehood.

One night Flynn disappeared. Next morning he left for Valencia. The same day the entire American press front-paged a thrilling story of how Flynn was wounded in the frontline trenches of Madrid.

This story was a lie. Madrid censor, Constanca de la Herra, stated officially that Flynn had filed an innocent-looking telegram to Paris, that this telegram was the tipoff to release the film, that the hoax was one of the most foul and callous actions ever committed by a Hollywood actor to gain publicity—at the expense of the fight against world Fascism. Associated Press, United Press and other news agencies phoned their men in Valencia who confirmed fact film was there without a scratch.

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DATE 12-1-81 BY SP/824

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Specimens submitted for examination:

100-138103-1

- Q1 One envelope addressed to Errol Flinn, Holiwood, United States of America, postmark illegible.
  - Q2 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing typewriting beginning "Esta cadena de la.....".
  - Q3 One envelope addressed to Miss [REDACTED] Holiwood, United States of America, postmark illegible.
  - Q4 Accompanying sheet of paper bearing typewriting beginning "Esta cadena de la.....", and bearing the name [REDACTED] at the bottom.
  - Q5 One envelope addressed to Miss [REDACTED], Holiwood, United States of America, postmark illegible.
  - Q6 Accompanying sheet of paper identical as Q2 and bearing the name [REDACTED] at the bottom.
  - Q7 One envelope addressed to Miss [REDACTED], Holiwood, United States of America, postmark illegible.
  - Q8 Accompanying sheet of paper identical as Q2 but bearing the name [REDACTED] at the bottom.
  - Q9 One envelope addressed to [REDACTED] Holiwood, United States of America, postmark illegible.
  - Q10 Accompanying sheet of paper identical as Q2 but bearing the name [REDACTED] at the bottom.
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

17538

September 30, 1942

DWG:ELJ  
100-138103-1  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Re: Correspondence to Errol Flynn, Miss [redacted]  
Miss [redacted] and  
[redacted] from Brazil.  
CENSORSHIP RECORD NO. SF 4419.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to Censorship Record Number SF 4419 dated June 20, 1942, covering the evidence submitted for Laboratory examination which is listed on the attached sheet.

It was concluded that specimens Q2, Q4, Q6, Q8 and Q10 were all prepared on the same typewriter which is equipped with Baby Hermes Pica Style Type. The Baby Hermes Typewriter is manufactured in Switzerland.

It was concluded that the handwriting on the envelopes Q1, Q3, Q5, Q7 and Q9 was prepared by one individual.

This typewriting and handwriting was searched through the Bureau's file of writings pertaining to National Security but no material was found which had been written by this person or had been prepared on this typewriter. An appropriate photographic copy of the typewriting is being added to this file for future comparisons.

A study is being made of the various chain letters received in the Laboratory and a supplementary report will be submitted if anything of interest is developed.

The instant specimens were examined for the presence of secret ink with negative results.

Specimens Q1 through Q10 were examined in the Cryptographic Section of the Laboratory without finding any code or cipher messages therein. The instant specimens appear to be typical chain letters which are supposed to bring good or bad luck to the recipient depending upon whether he follows instructions or not. No significance could be attached to the rows of letters at the bottoms of Q6, Q8 and Q10.

The submitted evidence, Q1 through Q10, is being returned to Mr. Catins, Division Two, by special messenger.

Respectfully,



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DATE 12-1-80 BY SP-6 JLF

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STATION: San Antonio

DATE: 3-16-43

TIME OBSERVATION STARTED: 2028

TOTAL TIME: 1 hr

FROM: TOPIC: BUS.-LEGAL MATTERS AND TRIP

TO:

Frederick T. McEvoy  
 (2212 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.)  
 Mexico City  
 Tel. 10 14  
 Occas: Oil business

Mr. Errol FLYNN  
 7810 Wilshire Blvd.  
 Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Tel. Hempted 4122

Mr. Carson

Mr. Canning

Mr. Fitch

Laboratory

Mr. Little

LIST: 0 6118

LIST: NONE

RECORDING IDENTIFICATION

J172A 37-47

LANGUAGE

English

PREVIOUS RECORD

MCE/01: NONE  
FLYNN: SATP 10183

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

CH. 502 MID  
Mr. Richardson

NOTE:

TEXT OF CONVERSATION AND COMMENT

SECURITY

Mr. Rickland

Mr. Tamm

Mr. McEvoy asked Mr. Flynn if he was going to Mexico definitely. Mr. Flynn said he would go via Pan American Lines. Mr. McEvoy asked about the case. Mr. Flynn said that a warrant had been issued for Mr. McEvoy's arrest but he, Mr. Flynn, had succeeded to have it withdrawn and a 500 dollar bond was necessary.

Mr. McEvoy said he had received a telegram from Mr. Lane dated March 5th on March 11th in which Mr. Lane asked him to be in Los Angeles by March 12th. Mr. McEvoy added he would wait to hear what the repercussions of the case would be and then would decide whether to sue the hotel or not for the late delivery of the telegram. Mr. Flynn asked Mr. McEvoy not to worry about it as it would be fixed one way or another.

Mr. McEvoy said he would reserve four seats for the bull fight on Sunday; he asked Mr. Flynn how long he would stay. Mr. Flynn said he had plenty of time and the only thing which would prevent his going would be the draft board, but he believed he had the matter under control.

Mr. McEvoy asked Mr. Flynn to bring 2 guns and his painting. Mr. Flynn asked Mr. McEvoy if he knew where his (Mr. Flynn's) naturalization papers were. Mr. McEvoy said he had them. Mr. Flynn asked him to send them by air mail at once because he could not leave the country without them. Mr. McEvoy said he would send them tonight. Mr. McEvoy said he was anxious to hear what the repercussions of his case would be and added he could not leave for another month.

Mr. McEvoy asked Mr. Flynn to wire advising him of his arrival in Mexico so he could meet him at the airport.

2-1-C  
1-FBI  
2-SD  
7-MID  
12-1-77

File in  
Saginaw file

DECLASSIFIED BY SP1 gal/lf/jh  
ON 12-1-82  
Per NARS letter 11-14-77

OBSERVATION BY

E.M. Ingram 2100 3/16

FORM GC-128 (a)  
125 16

PER ALABY

REVIEWED BY

J.H. DeLoach, Jr. E.M. Ingram, USNR

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STENO PRICE,  
Director.

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Re: Copy to Enrol Film, Class [REDACTED] Micro  
[REDACTED], via [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
from Brazil. Consular papers no. 57 4419.

File # 100-105103-8  
 Lab. # 87740  
87941  
89942

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Examination requested by: Office of Consular Affairs

Date of reference communication: Varz 6-X-42

Date received: 9-9-42 SKT

Examination requested: Gen. - Doc. (X) - Crypt.

Result of Examination:

Examination by [REDACTED]

Completed 9-15  
per call city

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EXHIBIT RECD  
9/16/42 - JG

Specimens submitted for examination

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- Q4 Asp. sheet of paper bearing typewriting "Baptista Carlos de la Cruz", and bearing the name [REDACTED] at the bottom.
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE: January 14, 1947

FROM : SAC, Miami

Personal and Confidential

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Attention: Mr. D. M. Ladd  
Assistant Director

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February 5, 1960

Re: Private Inlet "Inlet"

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With regard to David Flynn, there is no pertinent information available.

On the basis of the information furnished, it has not been possible to identify the other individuals mentioned in reference communication.

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RE: JULY 26 CLUB OF NEW YORK  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS

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**ERROL'S HAPPILY UNHAPPY:** Actor Errol Flynn, seemingly delighted, protests in Havana that Cuban secret police stage an "unauthorized" search of his apartment. Mr. Flynn was accused of failing to submit the script of the film "Cuban Rebel Girl" to the government. At left, Beverly E. Adland, Mr. Flynn's secretary, leaves Havana police headquarters.

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June 22, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: ERROL FLYNN  
SELECTIVE SERVICE

The following excerpt appeared in the column, "THESE CHARMING PEOPLE," by Igor Cassini, and was published in the Washington Times Herald on June 19, 1942.

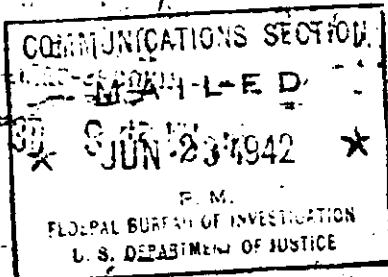
"Errol Flynn, who was deferred by his H'wood draft board because of a heart condition. Funny that this should happen to the hero of the greatest screen battles, to the tennis champion of the movie colony, to an ex-boxer and to the greatest athlete of all Hollywood. Flynn's friends, however, say that he's burned up about criticism and that he wants to get into the army at all costs. We'll see. Errol looks healthier to us than many men they take every day. If it's his heart that is weak, Flynn should have been buried a long time ago."

It is desired that you immediately check the records of the Local Selective Service Board covering the residence of Errol Flynn and review Flynn's Selective Service file. You should furnish the Bureau with the complete facts concerning Flynn's deferment within seven days.

This inquiry should be conducted in a very discreet manner so that the fact it is being made will not be publicized.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_



John Edgar Hoover  
Director

JUN 25

# The Charming People

By IGOR CASSINI

IF THE reports coming from Buenos Aires are true, Senor Don Felipe Espil, the impeccable Argentine ambassador to the U. S., will soon be on his way to Spain. Rumors to the effect that Espil would be transferred to another post have been circulating among diplomatic circles in the Capital for some time. It was the general



Igor Cassini

belief, however, that Ambassador Espil would be sent to London. He himself desired it, and that was especially the wish of his elegant U. S.-born wife in case they had to leave Washington.

The departure of the Espils from Washington will certainly be felt in the upper strata of Capital society. After Peruvian Ambassador Don Manuel de Freyre y Santander, Espil has held his post in Washington longer than any other envoy. He was already one of the most popular unattached diplomats when he was only a dashing secretary at the Argentine embassy here. In those times he often saw Wallis Warfield, of Baltimore, now the Duchess of Windsor, but Espil's bachelor days ended when he met the exquisite Chicago divorcee, Courtney Letts Stillwell Borden.

UNDER Ambassador and Senora de Espil's guidance the Argentine Embassy became one of the favorite rendezvous for the diplomatic elite. Their embassy rose almost to a par with the embassies of the greatest European powers. When war broke in Europe it was one of the few places left where you could meet, elbowing each other, the envoys of Great Britain, Germany, France and Italy. It was also one of the few embassies which could freely entertain. After the conference of Rio de Janeiro, when Argentina and Chile refused to join all the other American Republics in a clear stand against the Axis, a cloud of momentary resentment and disfavor surrounded the Argentine Embassy. But the Espils could not be blamed for that, even though in certain quarters malicious stories were being spread that Espil had played an important part in advising his government not to let itself be charmed by the bland words of Sumner Welles of the U. S. There is no

reason whatsoever to believe this, when Espil has been so long in the United States, has always shown his friendship for this country, and is married to a U. S. girl.

According to the Buenos Aires reports Dr. Carlos Alberto Acevedo, Minister of Finance, is to be put in Espil's place in Washington. Handsome Felipe and Courtney Espil, ranked as the fifth best dressed woman in the world, would then abandon a chagrined Washington to embellish Madrid, the once glittering capital of Spain.

Errol Flynn, who was deterred by his Hollywood board because of a heart condition. Funny that should happen to the hero of the greatest screen battles, to the tennis champion of the movie colony, to an ex-boxer and to the greatest athlete of all Hollywood. Flynn's friends, however, say that he's burned up about criticism and that he wants to get into the Army at all costs. We'll see. Errol looks healthier to us than many men they take every day. If it's his heart that is weak, Flynn should have been buried a long time ago.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **25-2187**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/3/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/26/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>67</b></span>
TITLE <b>ERROL THOMSON FLYNN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SELECTIVE SERVICE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Newspaper article appearing in Washington Times-Herald, June 19, 1942, inferred that the subject, a movie star known as ERROL FLYNN, was deferred improperly by his local board because of a heart ailment. Subject's Selective Service file reflects he was disqualified for military service by a U.S. Army examining physician on Feb. 2, 1942, because of "tuberculosis, pulmonary, chronic reinfection (adult), type in the right apex." Photographic copies of subject's Selective Service file forwarded to the Bureau.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated June 22, 1942.

*Encl. Dist. to Anti*  
*65-2187-1149, 5-29-60*  
**DETAILS:**

Referenced Bureau letter advised that the following excerpt appeared in the column, "These Charming People", by IGOR CASSINI, and was published by the Washington Times-Herald on June 19, 1942:

"Errol Flynn, who was deferred by his H'wood draft board because of a heart condition. Funny that this should happen to the hero of the greatest screen battles, to the tennis champion of the movie colony, to an ex-boxer and to the greatest athlete of all Hollywood. Flynn's friends, however, say that he's burned up about criticism and that he wants to get into the

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any at all costs. We'll see. Errol looks healthier to us than many men they take every day. If it's his heart that is weak, Flynn should have been buried a long time ago."

This letter requested that a discreet investigation be made immediately and that the Bureau be advised of the complete facts concerning the subject's deferment.

[REDACTED] clerk of Local Draft Board No. 246, City Hall, Beverly Hills, California, advised that the subject had been disqualified for military service by the United States Army Examining Board because of tuberculosis, and therefore had been placed in a IV-F classification by the local board. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that Mr. A. E. PEIR, 632 North Altadena, Beverly Hills, telephone Crestview 61454, was chairman of the local board, and that J. L. PRETTY, 347 North Swetzer, Beverly Hills, telephone York 0493, and Mr. EUGENE STARNER, 732 North Camden Drive, West Los Angeles, telephone Crestview 6-4415, were the members of Local Board No. 246 and had been the members in their respective positions since the inception of this board.

The subject's Selective Service file was obtained from Mr. [REDACTED] and it reflected that on February 2, 1942, the subject was disqualified for military service by reason of "tuberculosis, pulmonary, chronic reinfection (adult), type in the right apex." His physical examination was signed by JOSEPH P. SZUKALSKI, Major M.C., examining physician.

Photographic copies were made of the subject's Selective Service file, and two copies are being forwarded to the Bureau. One photographic copy of this file and the negatives are being retained in the instant file in the Los Angeles Field Office. Subject's file was returned to Local Board No. 246 on July 1, 1942.

In view of the fact that there appears to be no violation of the Selective Training and Service Act in the subject's deferment, no further investigation will be conducted unless requested by the Bureau.

ENCLOSURES FOR THE BUREAU: Two photographic copies of subject's Selective Service file.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
October 14, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ERROL THOMSON FLYNN  
SELECTIVE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated July 3, 1942, at Los Angeles, California, and to Bureau letter dated June 22, 1942, in the above-captioned matter.

On September 19, 1942, the following information was received from the Branch Intelligence Office, Eleventh Naval District, Los Angeles, California:

"CONFIDENTIAL"

September 18, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Re: FLYNN, Errol

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"On September 10, 1942, [REDACTED] until recently employed by the Collector of Internal Revenue, U. S. Post Office and Court House Bldg., Los Angeles, California (Reliability "B") stated that while he was recently sitting in a restaurant he overheard two people talking about Errol FLYNN and [REDACTED] that the conversation of one of these persons indicated that he was personally acquainted with Errol FLYNN and he had intimate knowledge of his personal affairs; that he stated that both FLYNN and [REDACTED] were given a 4-F classification under the Selective Service for the reason that they were physically unfit; that both of these men were examined and were reported to have had a spot on their lungs; that the medical report showing this condition cost each of these persons \$5,000.

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[REDACTED] is now an Ensign, NAVY(S), USNR, but to our knowledge Errol FLYNN is not in the armed forces. We are unable to advise the number of the Selective Service Board under which Errol FLYNN was rejected.



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Re: ERMOL THOMSON FLYNN  
SELECTIVE SERVICE

"The above information regarding FLYNN is  
forwarded for such action as you may desire.

Yours very truly,

MURRAY WARD,  
Lieut. USNR."

In view of the previous investigation conducted in this  
matter and reported in the above-referenced report, and inasmuch as  
the above information is non-specific in nature, no further investi-  
gation in this matter is being conducted by this office unless the  
Bureau advises to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*

R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

AFM:HB  
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JERRY EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



LAF:DC

Call: 11:50 A.M.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 17, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Re: PREC. [redacted];  
NORA [redacted], VICTIM -  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SAC Hood phoned and stated he discussed the above case yesterday with the Director and is instituting an investigation concerning the case. Flynn is presently in Mexico allegedly with the victim staying at the home of [redacted] at a place called Acuo Fagua (phonetic).

Hood stated he is going to start the investigation of this case later [redacted] as instructed [redacted] the Bureau to put out the necessary instructions concerning this and I instructed him to immediately furnish the Bureau with a letter containing the facts he had in the case.

Respectfully,

L. E. Pennington



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AUGUST 25, 1943

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SAC, LOS ANGELES

TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO:

WOOD FLORE, WOMAN RECKINGTON, VICTIM; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

STILL DEVELOPING TO DATE. EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION.

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



LAP:AR  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

August 20, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Re: ERROL FLYNN;  
HORA EDDINGTON, Victim  
SMITH SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

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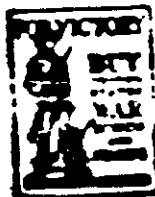
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Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Edd phoned from Los Angeles and inquired as to the Bureau's attitude toward the above case. Mr. Edd advised that both Flynn and the girl have returned from Mexico; that it is pretty much of a personal escapade and that the girl went to Mexico in company with Flynn with the consent of her parents.

I again instructed Mr. Edd to submit a letter to the Bureau setting out the complete facts in this case and that upon the receipt of same, the matter would be discussed with you.

Respectfully,

L. A. Pennington



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Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

DIRECTOR

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REURTEL AUG. TWENTY FIVE. ERROL FLYNN, NORMA EDDINGTON, VICTOR  
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[REDACTED] RELATIVE TO VISIT OF FLYNN IN MEXICO WHERE VIC-  
TIN VISITED HIM. LOCAL CONTACTS WERE ENDEAVORING TO GET INSIDE  
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DIRECTOR LEE PENNINGTON.

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*B. C. Rosen*  
*Pennington*

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated  
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order to protect the Bureau's coding system.

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WASHINGTON FROM LOS ANGELES

DIRECTOR

FRANK EAGLE FLYNN, BOCA EDGINGTON VICTIM, MIA. FLYNN LEFT LOS ANGELES JULY TWENTY LAST VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT SIXTY IN COMPANY WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FOR MEXICO CITY. VICTIM DEPARTED LOS ANGELES AUGUST TWENTY FOR MEXICO CITY VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES. FLYNN AND EDGINGTON RETURNED LOS ANGELES WEEKEND OF TWENTY FIRST INSTANT. EXACT DATES NOT AVAILABLE LOCAL AIRLINES BUT CAN BE SECURED MEXICO CITY. LOCAL NEWSPAPER STORIES REFLECT EDGINGTON ARRIVED TWENTY FIRST INSTANT. FLYNN ABOUT TWENTY THIRD INSTANT. EDGINGTON GAVE HER AGE AS TWENTY TWO, BORN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. FLYNN TWENTY TWO, BORN [REDACTED] WHEN SECURING VICTIM PER [REDACTED] FROM PARENTS TO GO INTO MEXICO. ABOVE INFORMATION OBTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH [REDACTED] TELEPHONE THIS DATE.

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All the intelligence contained in this message should be so classified as to protect the source of the information and the identity of the informant. This message is to be handled as a confidential source of information. It is to be destroyed when the information is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was obtained.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

August 27, 1943

SPECIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: EARL FLYNN, MORA EDINGTON,  
VICTIMS WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

BACKGROUND

SAC Hood by telephone on August 17, 1943, informed that he had discussed the possibilities of this case with the Director at Los Angeles and was instituting an investigation. The facts are that Flynn had taken a trip to Mexico with Mora Edington and was living at the home of [redacted] b7c

The newspapers had previously given some attention to this trip of Flynn's and had interviewed the mother of Mora Edington at Los Angeles, who stated that the girl had gone to Mexico with Flynn with her permission. She described the relationship between Flynn and Edington as entirely platonic and friendly.

The Bureau files contain fragmentary information in connection with National Defense cases which attributed to Flynn a rather depraved character. Information in these files reflect that he is generally regarded in Hollywood circles as a "wolf" who delights in achieving intimacies with young innocent girls.

You will recall that the press throughout the country gave considerable attention several weeks back to the statutory rape trial in which he was the subject which involved two juveniles who had attended parties with him and had taken trips on his yacht.

The victim in this case, Mora Edington, is employed at a craft factory at Los Angeles, and is reported to be married.

VIOLATION

The transportation in this case would involve the trip of Flynn and Edington to Mexico. We have no information that there is any consensual aspect to this case, as yet, nor would it appear that such an aspect would be developed. SAC Hood, by telephone today, informed that while no contact had been had with the United States Attorney's Office in this matter, he was

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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Memorandum for Mr. E. A. Tamm

Views as to whether prosecution of Flynn would be considered on the basis of the present aspect of the case.

Mr. Hood stated that there were no immediate aggravating circumstances apparent and that the only conceivable ones would be those reflected from Flynn's general reputation and way of life.

Mr. Hood is submitting a teletype summary today setting out the full facts as available at this time. It has been ascertained that we can probably, through confidential informants, learn more of Flynn's and Edgington's activities during their trip in Mexico.

Upon receipt of full information from Mr. Hood today, we will be in a position to refer adequate information to Mr. Carson's Section for coverage in Mexico.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

August 25, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

Los Angeles has advised by teletype today that Flynn left Los Angeles July 21, 1943, on the American Airlines, Flight 90, with [redacted] for Mexico City. Mrs. Edgington left Los Angeles on August 7, 1943, for Mexico City on the American Airlines. They returned to Los Angeles during the weekend of August 21. The exact dates of this return are not available but can be obtained from the airlines office at Mexico City.

Los Angeles papers report Edgington's arrival there on August 21, and Flynn's return on August 23.

Mrs. Edgington gives her date of birth as February 27, 1922, at Chicago, Illinois, an address obtained from her parents for trip to Mexico.

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to Mr. Carson and that appropriate discreet inquiry be made at Mexico City and Acapulco in order to obtain details of Flynn's and Edgington's activities there.

Respectfully,



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Re: Bruce Flyn  
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White State Traffic Act;  
Exotic Latin American Nations

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The Bureau presently is considering the possibility of subject's having violated the White Slave Traffic Act in his recent and well-publicized visit in Europe in the company of Miss Holloman.

It has been ascertained that Flynn left Los Angeles July 21, 1943, on the American Airlines, Flight 30, with [redacted] and [redacted] for Dallas, Tex. [redacted] reported from [redacted] on August 3, 1943, that Flynn left the American Airlines. They returned to Los Angeles during the week of August 21, 1943. Although the exact dates of their arrival in the Bureau were not ascertained in the Los Angeles Office, newspaper reported [redacted] arrived there on August 21, and Flynn's return on August 23, 1943.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ It is desired that inquiries be made to determine the  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ following names  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ and victim in Mexico City via American Airlines.  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ Mexico City on August 21, and August 22, respectively, the Airlines  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_ in which they traveled and the time at which they should have arrived  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_ at Los Angeles on those flights.  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

1. Verification of the time of arrival of both subject  
2. Verification of subject and victim's departure from  
3. Information concerning the activities of Flynn and  
4. Information as to whether their relations were in  
5. If possible, ascertain if they were last seen together at any time  
6. If possible, ascertain if they were in official relations.

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For information, Headquarters have carried out the following:

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2. Verification that Flynn departed with  
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I cannot impress upon you too strongly the necessity that the inquiries in this matter be made in the most discreet manner possible, inasmuch as the case presently is in a preliminary stage, the investigation which you are to conduct being for the purpose of developing information which may later be used as a basis for interviewing victim Edlington.

This matter is to be given preferred and immediate attention and a report submitted to the Bureau in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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TITLE  
ENROL FLYER;  
WOKA EDDINGTON, Victim

CHARACTER  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT  
MEXICO LATIN AMERICAN MATTERS

SYNOPSIS

American Airlines records reflect WOKA EDDINGTON arrived Mexico City, Aug. 8/43, via American Airlines. Subject FLYER arrived Mexico City, July 24, via American Airlines. Records reflect subject arrived in Acapulco, Mexico, via Mexico City plane on July 24, and returned to Mexico City by same means on August 20. On August 9, victim arrived Acapulco, and took room in Hotel La Riviera, where subject resided. Victim states that they did not occupy same room and hence cannot be located. Subject and victim reported together constantly in Acapulco, boating, swimming and fishing. Many times they were alone but occasionally were accompanied by friends residing in Acapulco, who state subject was attentive and affectionate with victim. Victim departed Acapulco on August 17 and on August 19, left Mexico City, via American Airlines. Subject left Acapulco, on August 20, 1943, and departed from Mexico City, enroute Los Angeles via American Airlines on August 22, 1943.

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KAROL FLYNN; ROSA EDDINGTON, Victim

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According to [redacted] records [redacted] indicate that KAROL FLYNN arrived by plane at the Acapulco Airport, on July 26, 1945 at 9 o'clock A.M. He traveled on the regular flight of Aerovias de Mexico, from Mexico, D. F. to Acapulco, Gro. There are no intermediate stops between the point of origin and the point of destination. Upon his arrival in Acapulco, FLYNN proceeded to Hotel La Riviera. According to this informant, the records of [redacted] did not indicate that ROSA EDDINGTON either arrived or departed from Acapulco by plane.

[redacted] stated that the records of [redacted] indicated that ROSA EDDINGTON arrived in Acapulco on August 9, 1945, and on the same day registered at Hotel La Riviera. Room 14 was assigned to her. She was the only occupant of this room. Informant B stated that FLYNN had resided in the hotel, in November, 1942, and on the occasion of the present trip was not required to register.

Hotel La Riviera is located on a promontory across the bay of Acapulco, and southeast of the town. It is owned and has considerable privacy. The manager of the hotel is CARLOS WALTER. [redacted] and a friend of [redacted], advises that during the period of time that subject and victim resided in Hotel La Riviera, it was practically empty, and that only a few of the thirty rooms of the hotel were occupied.

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[redacted] interviewed [redacted] This informant related that the maid stated that FLYNN and EDDINGTON occupied separate rooms at the hotel, and that she neither knew, nor had heard rumors, of illicit relations between the two. She admitted however that the staff of the hotel was small and that the guests were not closely supervised.

[redacted] stated that in addition to EDDINGTON, the following persons, all resident of Acapulco, were associated with FLYNN:

JOSE ESTRADA; NARCISO ESTRADA, brother of JOSE; "APOLONIO", one of the best swimmers of the district; ANITA and PATRICIA KRAKOVICH; and [redacted] who [redacted] has been with the [redacted]

sister,  
and a girl known to him as "FLYNN".

[redacted] told [redacted] that during the time that RUEL HEDINGTON was in Acapulco, she and FLYNN were together almost constantly. He said that there were many occasions when the two of them would cruise the neighboring coast, fishing and swimming. They traveled in FLYNN's motor boat "SIRCON". On most occasions they took with them a Mexican boy, who tended the anchor and did the manual tasks aboard the boat, and on a few occasions they were accompanied by some of FLYNN's acquaintances mentioned above. According to [redacted], FLYNN and HEDINGTON were attentive and affectionate to each other. [redacted] told [redacted] that on several occasions she had gone cruising in the boat with RUEL and FLYNN. She stated that she had gone with them in the waters of Acapulco Bay and also to Puerto Marques, which is several hours distant from Acapulco. He said that subject and victim were intimate but she knew of no instances of misconduct.

[redacted] related of his own knowledge that FLYNN spent most of the time that he was in Acapulco, cruising in the motor boat, swimming and fishing. He said that the motor boat, "SIRCON", had capacity for eight passengers and that it was moored in the Acapulco Yacht Club on those occasions when there was no one in Acapulco. He had seen the boat in the vicinity of Los Hornos Beach and Caletilla Beach several times during the time that FLYNN was there. Subsequent to the departure of HEDINGTON he had gone fishing in the boat. He said that FLYNN enjoyed fishing very much with a small harpoon propelled by air which could be used under water, and that he owned a makeshift diving helmet which he used in fishing. On one occasion, according to this informant, FLYNN was reported to the police for using water skis from his motor boat off Los Hornos beach, but the charges were not pressed.

[redacted] stated that FLYNN and a girl answering HEDINGTON's description, visited the bar at the bath house above Caletilla Beach, almost daily during the time that they were in Acapulco. He said that FLYNN always signed for his drinks, and that the day of his departure it was necessary to take the bill to Hotel la Riviera and to have it added to his hotel bill. On no occasion did he see FLYNN in the vicinity of the beach. He mentioned no associates of FLYNN the parties mentioned above, and a JAIL BIRD, who frequents the beach of Acapulco. He mentioned that FLYNN had little contact with the tourists on the beach, and that he and his party kept to

and [redacted] said that FLYNN  
gathered at a bar/ of Coahuila. [redacted] visited the bar of the Hotel La Marina, on quite a number of occasions, during his August visit, and that sometimes he was accompanied by a girl answering the description of the victim. In contrast to FLYNN's visit during the past winter, on which occasion he was reported to have become drunk numerous times, informant has heard no rumors of excessive drinking by FLYNN during his August visit.

NORA EDINGTON checked out of the Hotel La Riviera, Acapulco, on August 17, 1943, and returned to Mexico, D. F. according to [redacted]

ERROL FLYNN checked out of the same hotel, and left for Mexico, D. F. on August 20, 1943, at 1:30 PM via a plane of Aeromaves de Mexico, S. A., according to [redacted] who secured the information from the records of [redacted]

Records of [redacted] reflect that NORA V. EDINGTON, whose age was listed as 19 arrived at the Mexico City Airport from El Paso, Texas, on August 8, 1943, and departed from Mexico City Airport enroute to El Paso with her final destination listed as Los Angeles at 11:30 A.M. on August 10, 1943. These records also reflect that ERROL FLYNN arrived at Mexico City Airport via American Airlines on July 22, 1943. FLYNN arrived on the plane from El Paso and his age was listed as 25 years. FLYNN departed from the Mexico City Airport via American Airlines at 11:30 AM August 22, 1943, enroute to El Paso with his general destination listed as Los Angeles.



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WILL endeavor to obtain in a most discreet manner information concerning the activities and relationship between subject and victim during their brief stay in Mexico City during pertinent period.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Washington, D. C.  
October 4, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: **WILLIAM FLYNN**  
**DEFENDANT, VICTIM**  
**ELITE STATE BATTLE ACT**

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Attached hereto is the report made available by Supervisor [redacted] of [redacted] Division in the above-captioned case. This report is an undeveloped lead to ascertain discreetly further information bearing on the relationship between the subject and the victim during their stay together at Acapulco, Mexico.

The report in substance sets out the date of Flynn's arrival at Mexico City on July 21 via American Airlines. On July 26 he went to Acapulco where he remained at the Hotel La Riviera. On August 9 Mrs. Wilmington, the victim, arrived at Acapulco where she resided in the same hotel until August 21 when she returned to Mexico City from which she departed for California via American Airlines on August 23. Flynn left Acapulco on August 20 for Mexico City where he departed for Los Angeles via American Airlines on August 22. Information developed through [redacted] does not reflect [redacted]

[redacted] at the Hotel La Riviera. However, it is noted that they spent considerable time in each others company, being occupied with mostly betting, swimming, and fishing in the waters adjacent and that considerable use was made of Flynn's motorboat, the "Giraffe." In most of these trips they were accompanied by a Mexican boy who is yet unidentified who attended to the special tasks aboard the boat and on other occasions by other acquaintances.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that further logical leads be worked out at Mexico in the direction of obtaining more specific information concerning the possible intimacies of Flynn and Wilmington at Acapulco, and that in this connection the Mexican boy who attended the "Giraffe" on trips might be a most potential source.

It is further recommended that information be developed as to whether Flynn paid the hotel bill of the victim at Acapulco.

In view of the fact that the subject had visited the [redacted] at or from Mexico City it is suggested that information be developed as to whether Flynn paid for the victim's [redacted]

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

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A letter is being forwarded to Los Angeles containing information copies of information obtained from our investigation at Mexico City and Acapulco, and Los Angeles is being requested to obtain, if possible, information as may be available from bank accounts or otherwise concerning transfer of funds or possible payment of Hixson's trip.

Respectfully,

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E. F. Connelley

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Date:

October 1, 1940

To:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

RE: [illegible]  
[illegible]  
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There are enclosed for your attention two memoranda dealing with the activities of the subject and the activities of the subject and the activities of the subject.

This information has been obtained from a highly confidential source and further efforts are being made to obtain more detailed and specific data dealing with the activities and relationships between the subject and the source during their visit.

It is desired that an effort be made by your office to ascertain from bank records or otherwise any information which might reflect that the subject has been in the vicinity of the subject and the activities of the subject. In view of the fact that the subject and source did not travel together as usual, such information probably would not be obtainable in this manner.

It is desired that this matter be given your immediate attention and a report submitted to the Bureau without delay reflecting the results of the specific investigation requested as well as any other matters which may be of interest.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ATTACHE  
MEXICO CITY  
October 8, 1943.

Director, F.B.I.

RE: **WILLIAM J. DIXON**  
**WILLIAM J. DIXON - Victim**  
**White Slave Traffic Act**  
**Mexico Latin American Matters.**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to this office's report entitled as above dated September 22, 1943, which reported all available information relative to the activities of and relationship between subject and victim at Acapulco during their recent stay there.

Further information concerning his activities while in Mexico City has come to the attention of this office and inasmuch as subject and victim were not actually in Mexico City together, having spent all their time while together in Acapulco, Mexico, this case is being considered closed by this office pending further information and/or a request from the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

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October 15, 1943

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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

RE: EARL FLYNN;  
ROSS EDENBROTH - VICTIM;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Reference is made to your letter of October 5, 1943, in the above entitled matter, your file No. 44-68502.

Unless advised to the contrary, prior to making any investigation to substantiate the information that FLYNN paid for EDENBROTH'S trip to and from Mexico, this office will first interview [redacted] b7c

After interviewing him, the victim will be interviewed. This action is suggested inasmuch as as soon as any inquiry is made of travel agencies concerning the payment for EDENBROTH'S fare it is anticipated FLYNN will be immediately advised.

Because of the rather non-specific information obtained in Mexico relative to FLYNN'S and EDENBROTH'S association, it is believed that the attitude of victim herself at the present time should first be determined.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*  
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RE: LINDA FAY KARPIS, NINE, WHITE STATE STREET, LOS ANGELES  
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IN ADVANCE, CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION SUBSTANTIATING STATE OF  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C.

October 27, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: EUGENE FLYNN  
MORA EDDINGTON, VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Drake \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In connection with this case we have ascertained that during July and August of 1943, Flynn and Mora Eddington were together at Acapulco, Mexico, residing in separate rooms at the Hotel LaBiviera. Flynn arrived at Acapulco on July 26, 1943. Eddington arrived on August 9, 1943, leaving on August 17, 1943. Flynn left August 20, 1943. As will be seen, they did not travel together to or from Mexico from California. It has been ascertained, however, that they spent considerable time in each other's company at Acapulco enjoying mutual pleasure in the various facilities afforded. No specific information has been developed to date indicating immoral relationship. This aspect of the case is being pursued presently at Acapulco and is being given preferred attention there. We shall also attempt to find out whether Flynn paid Eddington's hotel bill.

Special Agent in Charge had informed by telephone on October 26, 1943, that the Los Angeles Field Division had ascertained that Eddington's fare on the American Air Lines to and from Mexico in the amount of \$29.00 was paid to the Baggage Travel Service on August 14, 1943, by check. This check was signed, according to [redacted] either by Al Slav, Flynn's business agent, or by Flynn himself. Mr. Slav informed that all details concerning this check were being worked out and full information should be available in the immediate future.

Los Angeles had previously planned to interview [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Slav will inform in the telephone conversation above referred to that this action should not be taken but that upon receipt of full information concerning the activities of the subject and victim in Mexico and after substantiating the payment of Flynn for Eddington's travel we would be in a position to conduct direct interviews with the victim or with her family as might be indicated.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

I shall follow the development of information in Mexico and [redacted] Supervisor [redacted] Section and will follow [redacted] on a transportation angle of this case. As soon as both of these aspects are covered, I believe that the victim should be directly interviewed in the event our investigation gives basis for the violation.



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October 30, 1943

In reply, please refer  
to File No. 81-48808

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR FORCE

Re: Errol Flynn;  
Norma Edington - Victim;  
White Slave Traffic Act  
Mexican Latin American Matters

Dear Sir:

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Refer to [redacted] dated September 23,  
1943, and your letter of October 8, 1943, both in the captioned matter.

It is desired that this case be reopened with the view of  
developing more specific information concerning possible intimacies  
between the subject and Miss Edington at Acapulco. In this connection  
your attention is directed to information set out in the referenced report  
to the effect that a Mexican boy accompanied subject and victim in their  
excursions in Flynn's motorboat "Girassol." It is desired that this Mexican  
boy be identified and thoroughly interviewed to determine his knowledge  
of any possible illicit relations between Flynn and Miss Edington at the  
venue. It is desired also that you endeavor to ascertain whether Flynn  
paid the victim's hotel bill at Acapulco.

I want to impress upon you again the necessity that investi-  
gation in this case be conducted most discreetly, but that the matter be  
given preferred, expeditious, and thorough attention and a report sub-  
mitted to the Bureau in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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PLACE:	DATE:	REPORTED BY:
Mexico, D. F.	11-10-43	WGL
TITLE:	CHARACTER:	
IRVING FLYNN; Known Victim	SEITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT MEXICO CITY AIRING F. B. I.	

SYNOPSIS: BIRMINGHAM arrived at Acapulco via Aerolineas de Mexico on August 9, 1943. Upon Arrival FLYNN took her to Hotel Riviera where he was residing. Subject occupied Room #7 and victim occupied Room #14. Boy employed on FLYNN's launch, friends, acquaintances, and employees of Hotel Riviera, questioned as to intimacies of subject and victim with negative results, with exception that victim stated that one night they did not return to hotel. On [redacted] received letter from Philadelphia in November, addressed to victim, but signed [redacted], inquiring as to FLYNN's present address. BIRMINGHAM left Acapulco by bus, because of unfavorable newspaper publicity. FLYNN did not see her off and it is inferred that hotel bill and bus fare were paid by victim although source of funds is unknown. Victim inquired at Mexico City airport before departure as to date subject would leave Mexico.

COMMENTS: Confidential informants mentioned herein are:

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[redacted] b7D

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 10/30/43

Memo Available to:

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HEROL FLYNN;  
NORA HEDDINGTON, Victim  
Mexico, D. F.

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The records of [redacted] indicate that NORA HEDDINGTON got the holder of ticket #16521, and that she arrived at Acapulco, from Mexico City, D. F., by plane on August 9, 1943, according to Informant A.

[redacted] also advised that the native sailor who accompanied HEROL FLYNN in the launch "SIBOO" on various occasions was [redacted] an employee of the Yacht Club of Acapulco. [redacted] was contacted and thoroughly questioned by the informant. In substance this was his story:

During the period of approximately three weeks that FLYNN was in Acapulco, he went sailing in the motor launch "SIBOO", almost daily. At times he went alone; on other occasions he was accompanied by [redacted] and other friends. During the time that NORA HEDDINGTON was in Acapulco, which was about a week, she went with him in the boat. The subject and the victim were usually accompanied by other friends but on a few occasions they were alone. [redacted] accompanied FLYNN in the launch some ten times. On two or three occasions, he went with FLYNN and HEDDINGTON on short excursions in the surrounding waters. On these occasions the subject was attentive to the victim but no improper act ever took place within the sight of [redacted]. [redacted] stated, however, that there had been times when FLYNN and HEDDINGTON would leave the launch and go to nearby beaches. At such times [redacted] remained on board to watch the boat and he had no knowledge of what took place on shore. Short excursions were made to the beaches of Calotilla, Borno, and Puerto del Marques. [redacted] stated that on one occasion some person in the party on the launch had questioned HEDDINGTON as to whether or not she was the same person who had sold cigarettes in the courthouse during FLYNN's trial and that the reply was that it was her. On another occasion subject and victim were drinking in the bar at Calotilla beach and when FLYNN had become somewhat drunk he dispatched [redacted] to the RIVIERA HOTEL for money. Shortly thereafter subject and victim returned to the RIVIERA HOTEL.

[redacted] advised Informant A that FLYNN paid the bill for NORA HEDDINGTON when he was in her company, but that he had seen no evidence of misconduct and had heard no rumors of intimacy.

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[redacted] was questioned again by this informant with negative results.

The records of [redacted] 114  
not indicate that the victim had departed from Acapulco, by plane. An effort was then made to ascertain if the victim had left by bus. However, the records of the [redacted] are incomplete in Acapulco, and this information was not forthcoming. It will be noted from evidence appearing hereafter in this report that victim is believed to have departed by bus.

[redacted] is the mother of [redacted]  
She is an American citizen but for the past two years has lived in Mexico, and is presently maintaining homes in Acapulco, Mexico City, and Veracruz. She was in Acapulco during the past summer and became acquainted with FLYNN and HEDINGTON. Both she and her daughter were directly questioned by Informant B and the writer.

[redacted] advised that prior to the arrival of [redacted] FLYNN met [redacted] at the beach, and invited them to go sailing. [redacted] forbade this until the girls were properly supervised and shortly thereafter one [redacted] who is associated with the [redacted] picture industry in Mexico, performed the honors. [redacted] is 17 years of age; [redacted] who makes her home with the [redacted] is 14. After the introduction the two girls went sailing with FLYNN many times. When MORA HEDINGTON arrived FLYNN gave a party for her on the boat, and [redacted] and [redacted] attended. While HEDINGTON was there FLYNN took her and the other two girls out in the launch almost every day. There were only a very few occasions when FLYNN and HEDINGTON were alone in the boat. Shortly before HEDINGTON's departure, [redacted] gave a dinner for her and FLYNN. During the dinner, FLYNN was called to the telephone, evidently to answer some questions as to whether or not he was married to MORA HEDINGTON. To the questioning he replied that he was not married and that he had not yet met the girl he wanted to marry. Then, according to [redacted] [redacted] had seen [redacted] face call.

[redacted] stated that FLYNN's activities while in Acapulco consisted mainly of sailing, swimming and fishing. [redacted] stated that she admired FLYNN very much and that he had once spent some time on the beach of Caletilla telling her of his ideas and what he wanted to accomplish. [redacted] could add nothing to what has been related except to state that HEDINGTON was always a perfect gentleman.

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It was the opinion of [redacted] that HEDINGTON had followed FLYNN from Los Angeles to Acapulco. When questioned as to whether or not FLYNN had had an affair with the victim, she replied, "For what other reason would she have come to Acapulco?" but she offered no tangible evidence in support of this conclusion. Informant B advised that [redacted] was in love with the subject and it was noted that she was very hesitant when talking of subject's relationship with HEDINGTON.

[redacted] related that one [redacted] employed in [redacted] received a letter in the early part of November, 1943. This letter was postmarked in Philadelphia, Pa., and was signed "LOIS". In the letter the writer submitted an address and inquired if FLYNN was still receiving mail at that address. She expressed sympathy for FLYNN in the bastardy case which had been filed against him at that time and said that she thought it was a shame that people were still picking on him. She also stated that she wanted to get in touch with FLYNN. The return address on the envelope, according to [redacted] was 4211 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Penn-  
sylvania. [redacted] all alleged that the "LOIS" who wrote this letter, and [redacted] HEDINGTON are one and the same person. [redacted] stated that HEDINGTON was originally from Philadelphia, Pa., that her mother owned a bakery in Los Angeles, California, and that HORA had come out to California where she became acquainted with FLYNN. Evidence substantiating the truth of these allegations was not available. [redacted] was a Mexican employed in a real estate office in Acapulco. He claims friendship with FLYNN.

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[redacted] said that when HEDINGTON arrived in Acapulco, FLYNN took her to RIVIERA HOTEL, where he was then residing.

Informant C contacted [redacted] at RIVIERA HOTEL, Acapulco. [redacted] advised FLYNN and HEDINGTON while they were at the hotel. She had some personal knowledge of their activities, and in addition she questioned various other members of the hotel staff. She said that FLYNN and HEDINGTON occupied separate rooms in the hotel; FLYNN being in Room #7. The records of the hotel show that HEDINGTON was in Room #14. The writer inspected the hotel and learned that most of the rooms of the hotel are built in cottage form. Most of the cottages contain three rooms which are consecutively numbered. Rooms #7 and #14 are in

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different cottages located approximately one block apart.

According to [redacted] there was no scandal attached to the relationship of the subject and victim, while they were at the hotel. She had heard no rumors of misconduct and none of the persons with whom she talked could furnish information as to possible intimacies. Among others, she interviewed the night watchman at the hotel. To his knowledge, the subject and victim had never occupied the same room and he had never observed either one of them going to the other's room. He did state, however, that on one occasion the subject and the victim left the hotel at about 7 P.M., and did not return until the next morning. [redacted] stated that the morning HEDINGTON left Acapulco, she had breakfast alone; that when breakfast was finished she tipped her for the meals she had taken in the hotel; that when she opened her purse she noticed that HEDINGTON had quite a large sum of money. Thereafter, HEDINGTON proceeded to the office to pay her bill. During the breakfast the victim mentioned to [redacted] that she hadn't been able to get a seat on the plane so she would have to go on the bus. HEDINGTON left the hotel unaccompanied by FLYNN, and [redacted] did not see her again.

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[redacted] also said that [redacted] an American who has lived in the environs of Acapulco, for the past seven years, might have some information as he had once told him that a paper in Los Angeles had wired him to find out if FLYNN and HEDINGTON were married.

[redacted] Acapulco, was then contacted. He stated that in the early part of August, 1943, he received a telegram from the Los Angeles Times, asking that he ascertain if HERB FLYNN was married to MRS. HEDINGTON, to wire full details and to spare no expense. At that time, he was living at Pto de la Cuesta, some 14 kilometers from Acapulco. About an hour after he received the telegram an American tourist visited Pto de la Cuesta. In his conversation with the tourist, it developed that the tourist was residing at DIVINA HOTEL in Acapulco, and that he had met FLYNN and HEDINGTON. In fact, he said, the night before he hadn't had very much sleep because through a mistake FLYNN's telephone calls had been routed to him, and that had been the night that several of the metropolitan papers were trying to find out if FLYNN was married to HEDINGTON. New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles papers had all gotten him out of bed. The tourist

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continued to say, that the next morning he had talked to MORA; that she was very upset and said that her mother had called her from Los Angeles; that her mother told her that there were reporters all around the house and that she had to go home immediately. Accordingly, later on that morning the tourist took MORA to the office of Aeronaves de Mexico. She was unable to obtain an airplane reservation, so they then went to the Estrella de Oro bus station, and she left for Mexico City by bus. [REDACTED] was not present. [REDACTED] then questioned the tourist as to whether or not [REDACTED] married the girl. The tourist told him that he did not think so; that at times he had introduced MORA as his secretary, and at other times as simply a friend; that he had talked to MORA and that she had told him that she had taken a job selling cigarettes and candy in the courthouse when [REDACTED] was being tried just to meet him. This man also told [REDACTED] that MORA was with a girl from Guatemala a good part of the time. Efforts to ascertain the identity of the tourist who talked to [REDACTED] and the girl from Guatemala were unsuccessful.

[REDACTED] remarked that the tourist gave as an additional reason for his belief that they were not married the fact that they were not occupying the same room at the hotel.

[REDACTED] a good friend of [REDACTED] was contacted by him, after the writer had interviewed him concerning the above allegations. [REDACTED] told him on this occasion that he thought that [REDACTED] paid all of [REDACTED]'s expenses and that he had sexual intercourse with her while she was in Acapulco. However, he was unable to substantiate these allegations and offered them only as an opinion, not from personal knowledge. Various cab drivers were contacted by [REDACTED] with negative results.

[REDACTED] told him that one night [REDACTED] came to the house at a late hour and aroused him to cook a large fish. There was another man and two women in the party. They were all drinking and continued to do so during the meal, after which they left. [REDACTED] was not acquainted with [REDACTED] and did not know if she was one of the girls.

[REDACTED] La Marina Hotel, advised that he had been in Acapulco, during the past summer when [REDACTED] was there and had met him at that time in company with [REDACTED] and several other folks from Cuernavaca. He had

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been invited to a party that they were having at BUTCH's PLACE on the highway to Cuicatlan. He stated, however, that these people were not in Acapulco long and that he believed they left before HEDINGTON arrived.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all residing in Acapulco, in August, 1943, were contacted with negative results.

[REDACTED] it was ascertained that about the middle of August, 1943, when HEDINGTON was returning to the United States from Mexico, she called at the Mexico City Airport, introduced herself and inquired of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reservations for that day to Los Angeles. [REDACTED] called in, learned that FLYNN's reservations were not for several days later, and gave HEDINGTON the desired information.

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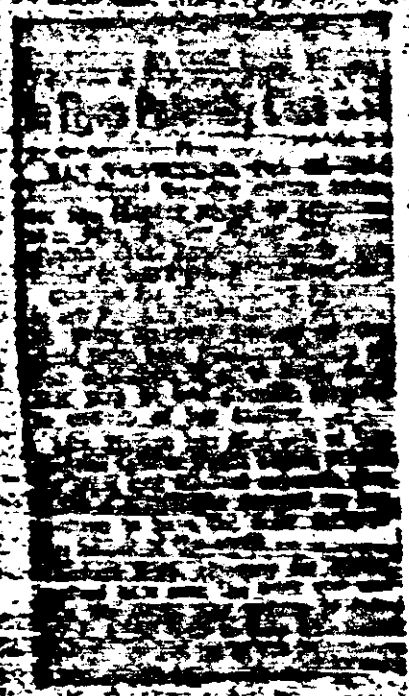
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Date: November 27, 1943  
 To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ELMER FLETCHER  
EDNA ELMORE - Victim  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1. To: \_\_\_\_\_
2. A. T. T. - There are enclosed, for your attention, two newspaper articles dealing with the activities of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Mexico City and Acapulco.
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4. \_\_\_\_\_ It is noted that no report has been received from your office \_\_\_\_\_ investigation conducted and you are requested to give this \_\_\_\_\_ your immediate attention and submit a report to the Bureau not later than December 1, 1943. It is further desired that the Bureau be kept advised by teletype of further developments in this case as they \_\_\_\_\_
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December 3, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: BRANCH, LYNN  
MARA EDDINGTON, VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed to advise you of the status of this case. Information has been received from [redacted] setting out information obtained on the activities of [redacted] and [redacted] at Acapulco, Mexico, during August 1943. Information was developed substantiating immoral activity between them during their stay there. The Mexican boy who assisted them in loading his yacht in the waters adjacent to Acapulco, has been thoroughly questioned and he has stated that he noted no illicit relationship between them at any time. Through informants, employees of the Riviera Hotel, taxi drivers and other local sources have been contacted and no positive information obtained.

Enclosed copies of this report have been submitted to Los Angeles under date of December 31, 1943, requesting that the investigation be conducted there be immediately handled and that a full report be submitted to the Bureau.

At this time it does not appear that there is a violation present and unless positive information is developed by the activity of the Los Angeles Field Division a possibility of prosecution appears remote.

As soon as additional information is received from Los Angeles I shall inform you.

Respectfully,

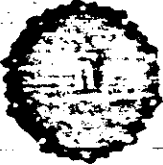
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 13, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. Tamm

RE: ERROL FLYNN;  
NORA EDDINGTON - Victim  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT  
MEXICO-LATIN AMERICAN TRAFFIC

The Los Angeles Office has informed by teletype that the United States Attorney there declined prosecution in this case.

As you were formerly advised, investigation at acceptance did not disclose immoral activities on the part of the subject and victim there.

Respectfully,

*W. C. Clegg*  
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WASHINGTON FROM LOS ANGELES

RE: ERIC FLYNN, MORA EDDINGTON, VICTIM, ET AL. REFERENCE BY PHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU THIS DATE. FACTS IN THIS CASE WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH USA TOMORROW TO OBTAIN HIS OPINION REGARDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION. REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER AND HIS DECISION THEN SENT YOU BY TELETYPE TOMORROW. RE MYTEL OCTOBER TWENTY FIVE, ASCERTAINED THAT CHECK IN PAYMENT FOR EDDINGTON FARE CHARGED TO JOINT BANKING ACCOUNT OF A & C CENTRE BANK, SAN FRANCISCO. CHECK WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME FOR EXAMINATION. FLYNN REPORTEDLY ENJOYED ENTERTAINING SOLDIERS IN ALASKA AREA. EDDINGTON DID NOT GO BY AIR OR TO THE PARTIES GIVEN HERE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

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FROM LOSA 7 11 3-15 P  
 DIRECTOR  
 JIM SPOL FLYNN, MORA EDDINGTON, VICTIM, MEX. USA  
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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 10, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: EARL FLYNN;  
MORA WOODINGTON - Victim  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT  
MEXICO LATIN AMERICAN MATTERS

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Teletype information has been received from Los Angeles that the facts in this case are to be discussed with United States Attorney Carr on December 10th. As you were previously advised the report from confidential informants in Mexico did not substantiate immoral activity between the subject and victim during their visit at Acapulco.

Los Angeles has ascertained that Mora Woodington's fare on the American Airlines to Mexico was paid by the check of Mr. Flynn's business agent.

Inasmuch as no basis for prosecution has been developed in connection with Flynn's trip to Mexico and the victim's stay with him there, the opinion of the United States Attorney at today's conference will direct future activity in this case. If he requests additional investigation, we will perform it. If he declines prosecution, this matter will be concluded.

Los Angeles has informed that they will advise us by teletype as to the result of the conference with the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,

J. E. Connelley

Special Agent in Charge



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **31-5306**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/15/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/21, 22-24, 26, 27; 10/5, 25, 26, 28; 12/3, 6, 10, 11/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>EDWARD FLYNN; EVELA EDDINGTON - VICTIM.</b>			<b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 7/20/43 EDWARD FLYNN, movie actor, flew via American Airlines from Los Angeles, Calif. to Mexico City, accompanied by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] EVELA EDDINGTON, FLYNN's current girl friend, age 29, made same trip 8/7/43. Principals returned to Los Angeles approximately 8/22/43 and 8/19/43 respectively. Victim's round trip fare is amount of \$205.03 paid by check drawn on account of R. R. BLYNN, FLYNN's business manager. Investigation in Mexico of principals' activities there reflects opportunity for sexual intercourse, but no proof they so engaged. FLYNN reportedly presently in Alaska area entertaining troops, and prior to leaving therefor was still associating with EDDINGTON. SAs, Los Angeles, on 12/11/43 declined prosecution since as no proof that principals engaged in sexual intercourse in Mexico.

## REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 31-45502.  
Bureau letters dated October 5 and November 27, 1943.

## DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter is predicated on facts appearing in Los Angeles newspapers concerning the activities of Subject and Victim. In the "Los Angeles Times" under date of August 27, 1943, appeared a news story, as well as photographs, about nineteen year old EVELA EDDINGTON, "Miss Mexico vacation with SPUD FLYNN" popped her into the limelight, came home yesterday to deny she is married. In the story, she is to be, or said to be, the story continues that she had plans to fly to Los Angeles with the actor for two days, after flying there

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from Acapulco, Mexico, continuing that FLYNN was expected back from Mexico in a few days; that she was met at the airport by her father.

Continuing, the story stated that KATHLEEN was met at the hotel when she was employed in a cigar stand at the Hall of Justice in Los Angeles where FLYNN was on trial some months ago on morals charges involving two underage girls. FLYNN was acquitted of these charges. [redacted] continued to interview reporters:

"We dined and danced and went fishing, if you must know.

What kind of fish did you catch?

Oh, fish, you know - Mexican fish.

Were you with Flynn every day - you stayed at the same hotel?

Yes, not every day, I don't think.

Did you have a good time?

Oh, wonderful! she enthused, flashing a smile for the first time.

"After resting up from her vacation in Mexico, she said she plans to go back to her job as an aircraft worker.

"And when Flynn comes back to town, she expects to see him again, and maybe again.

"So what?" she wanted to know.

"Nobody knows."

It was noted in the "Hollywood Reporter," a movie trade sheet, and in the column "Hunting Reporter" written by KATHLEEN KILL, in the issue of Wednesday, August 16, the following item appeared:

"Can't blame him for not taking chances - but that big star recently got an affidavit (as to her age, intentions, etc.) from a certain gal's parents - before their Mexican romance was kept...."

On August 27, 1943, the writer in ascertaining the exact dates of transportation of Subject and Victim to Mexico conducted the following investigation:

Agent inquired of [redacted] and he checked the records of his company from the 23rd of July to August 12, 1943, with no information concerning either FLYNN or KATHLEEN.

On contact with [redacted]

Agent ascertained the following information from ELIZABETH STICKLAND.

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Their records reflect that on July 23, HENRY FLYNN, in a party of three, departed Los Angeles on Flight 90. He was accompanied by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. This transportation was booked for FLYNN by the Jack Duggan Travel Service in Hollywood. This plane departed at 7:30 P.M., Friday, July 23.

The records further reflect that BONA KIMINGTON on Saturday, August 7, departed on American Air Lines Flight No. 90 to Mexico City. This reservation likewise was made by the Duggan Travel Service in Hollywood.

[REDACTED] records do not contain data reflecting the arrival from Mexico City of passengers over that line. [REDACTED] said that same could be obtained by her by wiring Mexico City to ascertain when FLYNN and KIMINGTON departed therefrom, but she was advised that such was not necessary at that time. However, there was a letter in the file reflecting that KIMINGTON had departed from Mexico City either the 19th or 20th of August, 1943.

To get into Mexico it was necessary that KIMINGTON furnish written permission from her parents and this was part of the file. It reflected that she was nineteen years of age, born February 25, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois; further, that she had been employed as a secretary in Hollywood and in the course of two years had earned \$100. She was described as five feet six inches tall, green eyes and Auburn hair.

The Bureau was advised of the above investigation on the same date.

On October 25, 1943, additional investigation was conducted concerning the purchase of tickets for the transportation of Subject and Victim. At American Air Lines' main offices on 6th Street, Los Angeles, [REDACTED] was contacted, at which time she advised that any record reflecting payment of the fare for FLYNN and KIMINGTON would be in the ticket department rather than reservations. [REDACTED] of the American Air Lines ticket office on 6th Street, advised that her records only showed that within twenty-four hours after the flight made by FLYNN and KIMINGTON it is necessary for payment of the fare to be made. This payment was made by the Duggan Travel Service, 6735 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, telephone EMportland 1106.

On the same date the writer interviewed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he informed that on July 23, 1943, which is the date HENRY FLYNN flew to Mexico City, his records reflected that on the same date FLYNN'S fare and the fare for [REDACTED] had been paid him. With reference to BONA KIMINGTON'S fare from Los Angeles to Mexico City and return, [REDACTED] advised that on August 14, 1943, his office received payment for that fare. [REDACTED] himself had put up payment to American Air Lines for KIMINGTON'S fare within the prescribed time after the actual flight on August 7, 1943. [REDACTED] had received for KIMINGTON'S transportation a payment of \$249.03. Further, his records reflected that the same was by a check No. 190, said check written on a bank numbered 90-122.

The results of this investigation were furnished the Bureau the same date.

On October 26, 1943, Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] developed further information concerning the check which paid for LEXINGTON'S transportation. His investigation reflected that the check in the amount of \$219.03 was charged to the joint checking account of A. R. or GENEVIEVE FLYNN at the Beverly Hills Office of the California Bank. That bank does not carry FLYNN'S bank account. The check was no longer in the bank, having been sent to the customer with the monthly statement. FLYNN'S account is carried at the California Bank, Hollywood and vice versa.

[REDACTED]

It was observed by Agent in the "Hollywood Reporter" previously referred to, that about October 10, 1943, FLYNN gave a party for some of his friends in honor of his particularly close friend, [REDACTED] who recently remarried. It was learned from one of the columnists that at this party were [REDACTED] and wife, as well as other similarly prominent movie people. [REDACTED] was in attendance as FLYNN'S hostess and was described as a very charming girl. It

[REDACTED]

As a matter of information, according to local gossip sheets and publicity appearing in Los Angeles papers, FLYNN presently is in Alaska, entertaining United States troops in that area.

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FLYNN received some publicity in local papers, since commencing October 11, 1943, when one SHIRLEY EVANS HASSAN filed a complaint in local courts seeking \$5,000 for hospitalization and medical care for herself, \$1,750 a month for support of the child, \$2,000 court costs and \$10,000 fees for her attorney, CHARLES R. TAYLOR. She alleged her child was born November 13, 1940, and has been named MARILEE EVANS FLYNN. The Superior Court action listed FLYNN's earnings as \$6,000 a week through Warner Brothers contract. FLYNN's attorney in this matter was listed as ROBERT E. FORD. Plaintiff therein alleged she met FLYNN at a Hollywood night club in February, 1940, and only amplified further by stating that she "supposed" to be on the junket to Virginia City, Nevada, the following month for the premier of the motion picture "Virginia City." FLYNN was also in this special train. The article continued that on April 18, Miss EVANS was married in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico to HENRY HASSAN, former orchestra singer. Court records in Los Angeles showed that FLYNN paid \$2,000 to SHIRLEY EVANS through her mother in a compromise settlement, November 29, 1940, for all claims arising from personal injuries inflicted or said child by HENRY FLYNN. The article concluded that no criminal charges were made in this latest suit filed by HASSAN.

FLYNN had been acquitted of three statutory attack charges last February by a jury which scorned the accusing testimony of two teen-aged girls, FLODY LA BRY BATTERMAN, age sixteen, and HENRY FLYNN, age seventeen. The foregoing article was in the "Los Angeles Times."

The "Los Angeles News" in amplifying this situation, in its issue for October 13, 1943, said that HASSAN was alleging that she had met FLYNN in the Esmeralda Cafe, and "Then everything went red, or black, or whatever color everything goes when sex rears its head." This article also referred to FLYNN's marital status, pointing out that "LILL DANTIA'S final divorce decree was obtained last April 8 and there was some talk that FLYNN was going to marry red-haired NORMA KUCHENBERG, then employed at a concession in the Hall of Justice. They were in Acapulco, Mexico, together on a vacation, but when they came back here both said the marriage couldn't be expected to take place."

In the "Los Angeles Times" for October 25, 1943, Judge WILLIAM S. BAIRD was reported as having ruled in Superior Court that none of FLYNN's salary or other assets should be tied up pending the suit of SHIRLEY EVANS HASSAN. FLYNN, through his attorneys, was reported to have denied the fatherhood of HASSAN's child.

Additional information concerning this girl and her child reflects that her settlement made in 1940 by FLYNN on this girl was a settlement probed November 29, 1940, for \$2,000 damages paid to Mrs. HASSAN's mother, MAZIE TAYLOR EVANS, on a minor's claim for personal injury. The agreement was supposed to have released FLYNN "from any and all claims and demands" arising from aforesaid personal injuries. Birth certificate of the baby shows that it was born in Good Samaritan Hospital. The name of the father was given as FREDERICK R. EVANS, a twenty-eight

year old "candy salesman" identified as a "non-resident" with birthplace in New Jersey. Mrs. MASSAU's attorney, the article said, listed PALMER E. EVANS as SPINKLEY MASSAU's father. The young mother's address was given on the certificate as 431 Wither Street. It was stated she had lived in the city for a year and a half. What disposition of the above case has been made is not known to this office, and no further inquiry will be made into same unless same appears to be necessary.

The Los Angeles Office was advised by Source B on October 5, 1943, that the records of [redacted] indicate that [redacted] arrived by plane at Acapulco on August 20, 1943, at 9:00 A.M. He travelled on the regular flight of this line. There were no intermediate stops. [redacted] His arrival he proceeded to the Hotel La Riviera. The records of [redacted] did not reflect that NORMA KILINGTON either arrived or departed from Acapulco by plane.

The records of [redacted] reflected that NORMA KILINGTON arrived in Acapulco on August 9, 1943, and on the same day registered at the Hotel La Riviera. Room 11 was assigned to her. She was the only occupant of this room. FLINN had resided in the hotel previously, namely in November, 1942, and on the occasion of his present trip was not required to re-register. This hotel is located on a promontory across the Bay of Acapulco and southeast of the town. It is situated on the [redacted] of the hotel is CANAB-HALTER.

Source B stated that during the period of time that Subject and Victim resided in Hotel La Riviera it was practically empty and that only a few of the thirty rooms of the hotel were occupied.

[redacted] was interviewed. [redacted] She stated that FLINN and KILINGTON occupied separate rooms at the hotel and that she neither knew, nor had heard rumors of illicit relations between the two. She admitted, however, that the staff of the hotel was small and that the guests were not closely supervised. The following persons, all residents of ACAPULCO, associated with FLINN: JOSE ESTRADA; RALPH ESTRADA, brother of JOSE; "APOLOKID," one of the best swimmers of the district; ANDREA and PATRICIA KRAKHEISER; MARIE KRAKHEISER, who makes her home with the KRAKHEISER sisters, and a girl known to informant as "PELOU."

[redacted] was interviewed and stated that during the time NORMA KILINGTON was in Acapulco, she and FLINN were together almost constantly. He said that there were many occasions when the two of them would cruise the neighboring coast, fishing and swimming. They traveled in FLINN's motor boat, SIKKON. On most occasions they took with them a Mexican boy, who tended the anchor and did the menial tasks aboard the boat, and on a few occasions they were accompanied by some of FLINN's acquaintances mentioned above. According to [redacted] FLINN and KILINGTON were attentive and affectionate to each other. It was learned from [redacted] that on several occasions she had gone cruising in the boat with NORMA and FLINN. She stated that she had gone with them in the waters of Acapulco Bay and also to Puerto Morelos, which is several hours distant from Acapulco. She said

that Subject and Victim were intimate but she knew of no instances of misconduct.

It was further learned that FLYNN spent most of the time that he was in Acapulco cruising in the motor boat, swimming and fishing. The motor boat SLACK had capacity for eight passengers and it was anchored in the Acapulco Yacht Club on those occasions when FLYNN was not in Acapulco. The boat had been seen in the vicinity of Los Hornos Beach and Caletilla Beach almost daily during the time that FLYNN was there. FLYNN was reported to enjoy fishing very much with a small harpoon propelled by air which could be used under water, and he owned a makeshift diving helmet which he used in fishing. On one occasion FLYNN was reported to the police for using water skis from his motor boat off Los Hornos Beach, but the charges were not pressed.

It was reported that FLYNN and a girl answering KENNEDY's description visited the bar at the bath house above Caletilla Beach almost daily during the time that they were in Acapulco. FLYNN always signed for his drinks, and on the day of his departure it was necessary to take the bill to Hotel La Riviera and to have it added to his hotel bill. On no occasion was FLYNN seen in an intoxicated condition. JULE GUEDA was also mentioned as an associate of FLYNN. GUEDA frequents the beaches of Acapulco. FLYNN had little contact with the tourists on the beach, and he and his party kept together at a far end of Caletilla. FLYNN was also reported to have visited the bar of the Hotel La Riviera on quite a number of occasions during his August visit. In contrast to KENNEDY's visit during the past winter on which occasion he was reported to have become drunk numerous times, there were no rumors of excessive drinking by FLYNN during his August visit.

ROSE KENNEDY checked out of the Hotel La Riviera, Acapulco, on August 17, 1943, and returned to Mexico, D.F., it was learned.

ERROL FLYNN checked out of the same hotel and left for Mexico, D.F. on August 20, 1943, at 1:30 P.M. via a plane of Aerocaves de Mexico, S.A., according to information secured from the records of [REDACTED].

Records of [REDACTED] reflect that ROSE V. KENNEDY, whose age was listed as nineteen, arrived at the Mexico City Airport from El Paso, Texas, on August 6, 1943, and departed from Mexico City Airport en route to El Paso with her final destination listed as Los Angeles at 11:30 A.M. on August 19, 1943. These records also reflect that ERROL FLYNN arrived at Mexico City Airport via American Airlines on July 24, 1943. FLYNN arrived on the plane from El Paso and his age was listed as thirty-three years. FLYNN departed from the Mexico City Airport via American Airlines at 11:30 A.M. August 22, 1943, en route to El Paso with his general destination listed as Los Angeles.

On November 27, 1943, Source B reported results of further investigation in Mexico on the activities of FLYNN and KENNEDY. At that time he stated that the records of [REDACTED] indicate that ROSE KENNEDY arrived at Acapulco [REDACTED].



from Mexico City, D.F. by plane on August 9, 1943, according to the records.

It was also learned that the native sailor who accompanied FLYNN in the launch SINDOO on various occasions was [REDACTED] player of the Yacht Club of Acapulco. [REDACTED] advised as follows:

During the period of approximately three weeks that FLYNN was in Acapulco, he went sailing in the motor launch SINDOO almost daily. At times [REDACTED] other occasions he was accompanied by [REDACTED] and other friends. During the time that [REDACTED] was in Acapulco, which was about a week, she went with him in the boat. The Subject and Victim were usually accompanied by other friends, but on a few occasions they were alone. [REDACTED] accompanied FLYNN in the launch some ten times. On two or three occasions he went with FLYNN and [REDACTED] on short excursions in the surrounding waters. On these occasions the Subject was attentive to the Victim, but no improper act ever took place within the sight of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated, however, that there had been times when FLYNN and [REDACTED] would leave the launch and go to nearby beaches. At such times [REDACTED] remained on board to watch the boat and he had no knowledge of what took place on shore. Short excursions were made to the beaches of Caletilla, Hornos, and Puerto del Marques. [REDACTED] stated that on one occasion some person in the party on the launch had questioned [REDACTED] as to whether or not she was the girl whom he had sold cigarettes in the courthouse during FLYNN'S trial and the reply was that it was she. On another occasion Subject and Victim were drinking in the bar at Caletilla beach and when FLYNN had become somewhat drunk he dispatched [REDACTED] to the Riviera Hotel for money. Shortly thereafter Subject and Victim returned to the Riviera Hotel.

[REDACTED] advised that FLYNN said the girl [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] when he was in her company, but that he had seen no evidence of misconduct and had heard no rumors of intimacy.

[REDACTED] did offer no further information at this time than that previously furnished.

The records of [REDACTED] did not indicate that the Victim had departed from Acapulco by plane. An effort was then made to ascertain if the Victim had left or was, however, the records of the [REDACTED] are incomplete in Acapulco, and this information was not forthcoming. It will be noted from evidence appearing hereafter that Victim is believed to have departed by sea.

[REDACTED] is an American citizen, but for the past six years has lived in Mexico, and is presently maintaining homes in Acapulco, Mexico City and Veracruz. She was in Acapulco during the past summer and became acquainted with FLYNN and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that prior to the arrival of MORA [REDACTED], FLYNN met

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go sailing. [redacted] and [redacted] the beach, and invited them to  
duced and shortly thereafter [redacted] until the girls were properly intro-  
moving picture industry in Mexico, performed the honors. [redacted] is associated with the  
years of age; [redacted] who makes her home with the [redacted] is four-  
teen. After the introduction the two girls went sailing with [redacted] many times.  
When NORA KIMMINGTON arrived FLYNN gave a party for her on the boat, and [redacted]  
and [redacted] attended. While KIMMINGTON was there FLYNN took her and the  
other two girls out in the launch almost every day. There were only a very  
few occasions when FLYNN and KIMMINGTON were alone in the boat. Shortly before  
KIMMINGTON's departure, [redacted] gave a dinner for her and FLYNN. Dur-  
ing the dinner, FLYNN was called to the telephone, evidently to answer some  
questions as to whether or not he was married to NORA KIMMINGTON. To the ques-  
tioning he replied that he was not married and that he had not yet met the girl  
he wanted to marry. Then, according to [redacted] "You should have seen  
NORA's face fall." [redacted] stated that FLYNN's activities while in Acapulco consisted mainly of sailing,  
swimming and fishing. [redacted] stated that she admired FLYNN very much  
and that he had once spent some time on the beach of Caleilla telling her of  
his ideals and what he wanted to accomplish. [redacted] was always  
could and nothing to what has been related except to state that FLYNN was always  
a perfect gentleman.

It was the opinion of [redacted] that [redacted] had followed  
FLYNN from Los Angeles to Acapulco. When questioned as to whether or not FLYNN  
had had an affair with the victim, she replied, "For what other reason would she  
have come to Acapulco?" but she offered no tangible evidence in support of this  
conclusion. It was advised that [redacted] was in love with the Subject  
and it was noted that she was very hesitant when talking of Subject's relation-  
ship with KIMMINGTON.

It was learned that [redacted] employed in [redacted]  
November, 1933. This letter was postmarked in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
and was signed "MILL." In the letter the writer submitted an address and in-  
quired if FLYNN was still receiving mail at that address. She expressed sym-  
pathy for FLYNN in the bastardy case which had been filed against him at that  
time and said that she thought it was a shame that people were still picking on  
him. She also stated that she wanted to get in touch with FLYNN. The return  
address on the envelope was reported to be 4211 Locust Street, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania. [redacted] all allege that the [redacted]  
[redacted] letter, and NORA KIMMINGTON are one and the same person. [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that KIMMINGTON was originally from Philadelphia, but that  
her mother owned a bakery in Los Angeles, California, and that NORA had gone  
out to California where she became acquainted with FLYNN. Evidence substantiat-  
ing the truth of these allegations was not available. [redacted] is a Mexican  
employed in a real estate office in Acapulco. He claims friendship with FLYNN.

██████████ said that when KILGORTH arrived in Acapulco, FLYNN took her to the Riviera Hotel, where he was then residing.

██████████ served FLYNN and KILGORTH while they were at the hotel. She had some personal knowledge of their activities, and in addition she questioned various other members of the hotel staff. She said that FLYNN and KILGORTH occupied separate rooms in the hotel. FLYNN was in Room No. 14. The records of the hotel show that KILGORTH was in Room No. 14. It was learned that most of the rooms of the hotel are built in cottage form. Most of the cottages contain three rooms which are consecutively numbered. Rooms Nos. 7 and 14 are in different cottages located approximately one block apart.

According to ██████████ there was no scandal attached to the relationship of the Subject and Victim, while they were at the hotel. She had heard no rumors of misconduct and none of the persons with whom she talked could furnish information as to possible intimacies. Among others, she talked with the night watchman at the hotel. To his knowledge, the Subject and Victim had never occupied the same room and he had never observed either one of them going to the other's room. He did state, however, that on one occasion the Subject and Victim left the hotel at about 7:00 P.M. and did not return until the next morning. ██████████ stated that the evening KILGORTH left Acapulco she had breakfast alone; that when breakfast was finished she tipped her for the meal she had taken in the hotel; that when she opened her purse she noticed that KILGORTH had quite a large sum of money. Thereafter, KILGORTH proceeded to the office to pay her bill. During the breakfast the Victim mentioned to ██████████ that she hadn't been able to get a seat on the plane so she would have to go by bus. KILGORTH left the hotel unaccompanied by FLYNN and ██████████ did not see her again.

It was believed the ██████████ an American who has lived in the environs of Acapulco for the past seven years, might have some information as he has once stated that a paper in Los Angeles had wired him to find out if FLYNN and KILGORTH were married. He was contacted at the Hotel Cordova, Room 14, in Acapulco, and related that in the early part of August, 1943, he received a telegram from the "Los Angeles Times" asking that he ascertain if KILGORTH FLYNN was married to NORA KILGORTH, to wire full details and to spare no expense. At that time he was living at Pie de la Cuesta, some 14 kilometers from Acapulco. About an hour later, after he received the telegram, an American tourist visited Pie de la Cuesta. In his conversation with the tourist, it developed that the tourist was residing at Riviera Hotel in Acapulco, and that he had met FLYNN and KILGORTH. In fact, he said, the night before he had not had very much sleep because through a mistake FLYNN'S telephone calls had been routed to him, and that there had been several of the metropolitan papers trying to find out what night if FLYNN was married to KILGORTH. New York, Chicago and Los Angeles papers had all gotten him out of bed. The tourist continued to say that the next morning he had talked to NORA; that she was very upset and said that her mother had called her from Los Angeles; that her mother told her that there were reporters all around the house and that she had to go home immediately. Subsequently, later on that morning the tourist took NORA to the office of ██████████

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de Mexico. She was unable to obtain an airplane reservation, so they then went to the Estrella de Oro bus station, and she left for Mexico City by bus. FLYNN was not present. [redacted] then questioned the tourist as to whether or not FLYNN had married the girl. The tourist told him that he did not think so; that at times he had introduced MOKA as his secretary, and at other times as simply a friend; that he had talked to MOKA and that she had told him that she had taken a job selling cigarettes and candy in the courthouse when FLYNN was not tried just to meet him. This man also told [redacted] that he was with a girl from Guatemala a good part of the time. Efforts to ascertain the identity of the tourist who talked to [redacted] and the girl from Guatemala were unsuccessful.

[redacted] also remarked that the tourist gave as an additional reason for his belief that they were not married the fact that they were not occupying the same room at the hotel.

[redacted] talked with [redacted] a good friend of his, regarding instant matter. [redacted] told him on this occasion that he thought that FLYNN paid all of KENNEDY's expenses and that he had sexual intercourse with her while she was in Acapulco. However, he was unable to substantiate these allegations and offered them only as an opinion, not from personal knowledge. Various car drivers were contacted by [redacted] with negative results. [redacted] told him that [redacted] came to the house at a late hour and asked him to cook a large fish. There was another man and two women in the party. They were all drinking and continued to do so during the meal, after which they left. [redacted] was not acquainted with KENNEDY and did not know if she was one of the girls.

[redacted] advised that he had been in Acapulco, during the time that FLYNN was there and had met him at that time in company with [redacted] and several other people from Cuernavaca. He had been invited to a party that they were having at Butch's Place on the highway to Calefilla. He stated, however, that these people were not in Acapulco long and that he believed they left before KENNEDY arrived.

[redacted] residing in Acapulco in August, 1943, could furnish no information.

It was learned that about the middle of August, 1943, when KENNEDY was returning to the United States from Mexico, she called at the Mexico City Airport, introduced herself and inquired of [redacted] if FLYNN had reservations for that day to Los Angeles. Miss KENNEDY called in, learned that FLYNN's reservations were not for several days later, and gave KENNEDY the desired information.

On December 11, 1943, the facts in instant matter were discussed with United States Attorney CHARLES E. CAZE. He stated that inasmuch as there was no proof that FLYNN and KENNEDY had engaged in sexual intercourse in Mexico, he would decline prosecution.

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The following is a description of Victim KIRKINGTON as obtained from records of [redacted]. In view of the fact that instant case is being closed, no more detailed description is being sought.

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Eyes  
Hair

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5' 6"  
Green  
Auburn

The following is a description of Subject KAROL FAYNE from Agent's observation:

Age  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Complexion

35  
6' 1"  
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Brown  
Medium.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

WDO:POS  
TO

MR. LADD

DATE: January 31, 1945

FROM :

C. M. Carson

SUBJECT:

ERROL FLYNN; WIFE; EDDINGTON, Victim  
White Slave Traffic Act

## BACKGROUND

The Bureau conducted investigation in 1943 with reference to transportation by Errol Flynn of Nora Eddington from Los Angeles, California to Mexico City and Acapulco, Mexico in August, 1943. As a result of the investigation there were several indications that Flynn had actually been the transportation of the victim. Although it showed very close association between Flynn and Eddington, in Mexico, prosecution was declined by the United States Attorney.

## DETAILS

The "Washington Daily News" of January 31, 1945 carried an article dated lined at Mexico City in which it is reflected that Nora Eddington is the mother of a three-week old daughter who was born in Mexico City and was registered in the Department of Vital Statistics, the mother being known as Nora Eddington and the father, Leslie Flynn. The article quoted Flynn as saying that he was really happy for the first time in his life. It further reported that Eddington's father in Hollywood claims that Flynn and Eddington were married in Mexico in August, 1943.

The newspaper item is attached.

## RECOMMENDATION

Inasmuch as the Bureau's file in this matter has been closed, no action is deemed necessary. It is suggested, however, that this information be called to the attention of the White Slave Traffic Act supervisor.

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# Actor Doesn't Deny He's Dad Of Nora's Girl

But Married? Well,  
He insists He's Not

By FLORENCE KYLE

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 26.—The actor who has been in the news lately because of his alleged affair with a girl, is now in the news again because of his alleged affair with a girl. The actor, who is now in the news again because of his alleged affair with a girl, is now in the news again because of his alleged affair with a girl.

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Seen in Court

This was seen to overcome the actor's claim that he was not the father of the girl. The actor, who is now in the news again because of his alleged affair with a girl, is now in the news again because of his alleged affair with a girl.

He is in good luck. But then the 31-year-old actor who was the young and good looking man by the name of James Cagney. He considered himself to be a good man and a good man.

More was revealed that the actor's affair was reported in the news. The actor, who is now in the news again because of his alleged affair with a girl, is now in the news again because of his alleged affair with a girl.

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Followed by Plane

After his original trial was to Mexico to care for his wife, the actor was in an aircraft the very same plane and was in the same plane as the actor.

At the time, the actor's wife was in the same plane as the actor. The actor, who is now in the news again because of his alleged affair with a girl, is now in the news again because of his alleged affair with a girl.

- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Kramer
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



### Revival: L'Affaire Flynn

Frankie Rose Halliwell, head Flynn's publicity and right-hand woman, says the woman who was with him in 1934, was arrested yesterday. It has become a matter of record in New York City. The Flynn case is now being handled by the New York State Bar Association. The Flynn case is now being handled by the New York State Bar Association. The Flynn case is now being handled by the New York State Bar Association.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

ROR:ELC

February 27, 1943

Call: 3:15 PM, 2/26/43

Dictated: 5:00 PM, 2/26/43

2:00 PM,  
2/27/43

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WELCH

RE: PORTABLE TRANSCIVER RADIO,  
Serial #3934;  
NEUTRALITY ACT - EXPORT CONTROL.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Upon your authority, the writer contacted [redacted] of the Board of Economic Warfare in regard to the shipment of the radio aboard the "Little Sorocco," mentioned in the attached teletype from the El Paso Office, dated February 25, 1943, particularly whether the taking of this radio out of the United States without a license is a violation of the Export Control Act.

[redacted] advised that Errol Flynn has a license for the shipment of the fishing boat "Little Sorocco," with appurtenances, to Mexico, but that the shipment of instant radio is not licensed. [redacted] stated that the shipment of this radio is a possible technical violation of the Export Control Act and that the sale of the radio in Mexico would be a definite violation; however, he suggested that the Customs officials at El Paso, Texas, should obtain a bond from Flynn for the return of this radio to the United States, which, if done, would make a violation of the Export Control Act doubtful. [redacted] stated that if a bond were posted, the BEW would not believe the case worthy of prosecution in the event a technical violation is proven.

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per U.S. Customs

ACTION

A teletype was sent to the El Paso Office on February 27, 1943, setting forth [redacted]'s comments and instructing that same be made available to the Customs Service for its assistance in determining whether Flynn should obtain an export license for the shipment of this radio from the United States or whether the posting of a bond insuring its return to this country will suffice. The El Paso Office was also informed that the action taken by the Customs authorities should govern and that it will not be necessary for that office to conduct any further investigation at the present time.



Respectfully,

R. O. Kittelsen

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Piper  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

*[Handwritten signature]*

FBI EL PASO 2-25-43 7-05 PM DMH

DIRECTOR  
DOLT. PORTABLE TRANSCEIVER RADIO, SERIAL NUMBER THREE NINE THREE FOUR, NEUTRALITY ACT, EXPORT CONTROL. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, EL PASO, TODAY STOPPED "LITTLE SOROCO", FISHING MOTOR BOAT TWENTY TWO FEET LONG, SHIPPED BY ERROL FLYNN FROM HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, VIA FREIGHT TO EL PASO FOR TRANSSHIPMENT BY MOTOR FREIGHT TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, FOR STATED FISHING TRIP THAT PLACE. RADIO IS MODEL ET EIGHT NAUGHT ONE THREE, SERIAL THREE NINE THREE FOUR. PROPERTY OF [REDACTED] REGISTERED FOR USE ON LEEDS YACHT "LITTLE MONA", CALL LETTERS WPKV. FCC PRESENTLY CHECKING TO ASCERTAIN IF OWNERSHIP LICENSE TRANSFERRED LEEDS TO FLYNN INSTANT RADIO. REQUEST BUREAU ADVISE WHETHER RADIO ON EMBARGO LIST AND WHETHER SHIPMENT INSTANT RADIO COVERED BY LICENSE. NEITHER LEEDS NOR FLYNN IN EL PASO. IF VIOLATION NEUTRALITY ACT, REQUEST LOS ANGELES BE FURNISHED DESIRED INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AND FLYNN.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

DAF:lem  
4:30 p.m.

March 1, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *Shaw*

RE: PORTABLE TRANSCEIVER RADIO, Serial #3934  
NEUTRALITY ACT - EXPORT CONTROL

Reference is made to the teletype dated February 25, 1943, from the El Paso field office in the above captioned matter. The Customs officials at El Paso advise that the motor boat "Little Sorocco" owned by Errol Flynn, the motion picture actor, has been shipped from Hollywood, California, via freight to El Paso, Texas, for transport to Acapulco, Mexico. The Customs officials found aboard this boat the above-mentioned radio owned by [redacted] and registered for use aboard the yacht "Little Mona" owned by [redacted]. A request was made to determine whether the radio above-mentioned was contained on the Embargo List and whether the shipment to Mexico had been covered by an Export license. Upon the receipt of the above teletype, Supervisor R. O. Kittelsen communicated with [redacted] of the Board of Economic Warfare, at which time the latter stated that Errol Flynn had secured a license for the shipment of his fishing boat "Little Sorocco" with appurtenances to Mexico but that the shipment of instant radio was not licensed. [redacted] considered this shipment a possible technical violation of the Export Control Act. He stated further that the sale of the radio in Mexico would be a definite violation. He suggested, however, that the Customs officials at El Paso, Texas, should obtain a bond from Flynn for the return of the radio to the United States which, if done, would make a violation of the Export Control Act doubtful.

There are several angles to be considered in this matter. In the first instance, attempts to ship materials on the Embargo List outside of the United States are not covered in the Act. The next possibility is that a conspiracy does not exist since Flynn has not conspired with any other persons apparently in undertaking the shipping. Until the radio has actually been shipped from the United States, it is highly doubtful that even a technical violation is present. Accordingly, the following instructions were issued telephonically to SA [redacted] of the El Paso field office at 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 1943.

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SA [redacted] was advised of the above facts with reference to the unlicensed character of the shipment of the radio to Mexico as

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Mr. Ladd

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well as the decision of a representative of the Board of Economic Warfare. It was suggested that this matter be discussed with the Customs officials at El Paso, Texas, and that the suggestion offered by the Board of Economic Warfare concerning the securing of a bond guaranteeing a return of this radio to the United States also be set forth. It was pointed out definitely that the action to be taken should be left entirely within the province of the Customs Service and that they apparently had the following lines of action open: First, to let the radio be shipped without an Export license, which it is doubtful that they would do; second, to require Flynn to secure an Export license for the radio; and third, to require the posting of a bond guaranteeing the return of the radio to the United States by Flynn. In conclusion it was pointed out that the ultimate action recommended by the Customs Service should govern and it was not necessary for El Paso to conduct any further investigation at this time.

Respectfully,

*F. L. Welch*

F. L. Welch

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

EL PASO, TEXAS

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-15-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-25, 26; 3-2-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
TITLE <b>PORTABLE TRANSCEIVER RADIO, Serial #3934</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NEUTRALITY ACT EXPORT CONTROL</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Radio seized by Customs Officials, El Paso, because not listed on manifest of shipment from Newport Beach, Calif., to Acapulco, Mexico. Licensed by Board of Economic Warfare. Through F.C.C., radio ascertained to be not registered but previously registered for yacht, "Little Mona," property of [REDACTED] New York City. Shipping correspondence indicates boat and fishing gear were intended for pleasure trip and to be returned to U. S. Teletype sent to Bureau and reply by telephone instructed Customs to demand bond or export license for radio.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation was predicated upon a telephone call from the United States Customs Service, El Paso, Texas, on February 25, 1943, to the effect that a shipment consisting of a 22-foot power boat and equipment for fishing, including a portable transceiver radio which was not listed on the manifest, had been seized by Customs. The shipment was bound for Acapulco, Mexico.

[REDACTED] Customs guard at the Stanton Street Bridge, El Paso, stated that at 4:30 p.m. on February 25, 1943, he stopped a truck which bore the shipment described above. Customs form #4455 listed the equipment that was to be exported and subsequently returned. Upon examination, [REDACTED] said all articles were found in order except for the above-mentioned radio, which was in the boat, covered with a tarpaulin. The radio was disconnected and was not in operating condition. [REDACTED] said that he telephoned [REDACTED] Acting Deputy Collector, who instructed him to seize the radio and permit the rest of the

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES DESTROYED 1597 AUG 7 1961 COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 - Bureau 2 - El Paso 50 MAR 24 1943	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: monospace;">2-424-2</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: monospace;">14-6-43</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             RECORDED              INDEXED              1177              EX-15           </div>
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shipment to proceed to Mexico. Later, under direction of [redacted] Assistant Collector, the radio was taken under Customs supervision. [redacted] said that the Customs authority for seizing the radio lay in the fact that the radio was not declared as part of a shipment, for which an export license had been issued.

Customs form #455 contained the following information concerning this shipment: Export license #1188760 covered one 22-foot, Prigg Miami cruiser boat—Florida type, fishing motor boat, 22 feet long, approximately 3000 pounds, #27D851, Gray Phantom Motor #B0667, 125 horsepower, 7½ foot beam, 2 feet, 6 inch depth, 1-6 volt draft battery, swivel fishing chair, fishing tackle, poles, etc., miscellaneous, including cushions, boards, etc.; owner, ERROL FLYNN, Hollywood, California; purpose of shipment stated as for fishing at Acapulco, Mexico, via motor freight. This form was signed by [redacted] Customs broker, 109 South Florence Street, El Paso.

[redacted] Federal Communications Commission Monitoring Officer at El Paso, in the presence of the writer, inspected the radio and identified it as follows: Serial 3934, operating bands—on the receiving side, 2514 K.C., 2670 K.C., and 2738 K.C.; on the transmitting side, 2118 K.C., 2670 K.C., and 2738 K.C.; Model ET6013; power output, 5 watts; issued May 3, 1940, which, [redacted] stated, was the probable time of purchase; call letters WFAV; trade name—Portable Transceiver. [redacted] stated that the range of this equipment was about fifty miles and he said that he would wire the Federal Communications Commission at Washington, D. C., for information as to the possible transfer of the license for this radio.

[redacted] Customs broker, 109 South Florence Street, El Paso, exhibited his file to the writer, which contained the following information: Copy of invoice from Prigg Boat Works, 3627 Northeast First Court, Miami, Florida, dated April 15, 1940, which was made out to [redacted] Miami, Florida, covering 22-foot Prigg Miami Cruiser, value \$2,486.60. Shipper's export declaration was made out at Hollywood, California, November 5, 1942, by ERROL FLYNN, 8511 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California, and listed all the items except the radio. [redacted] said the shipment came by Southern Pacific and lay at the joint warehouse for some time before orders were received to move it. By telephone it was ascertained from [redacted] cashier at the Southern Pacific freight office, El Paso, that the shipment came from Newport Beach, California, via Southern Pacific Freight on December 14, 1942, waybill #21, freight bill #18516. [redacted] had the file of [redacted]

[redacted] Customs broker at Juarez, Mexico, sent to his office for examination by the writer and this file indicated that ERROL FLYNN had executed power of attorney to [redacted] for handling of this shipment. Also included was a wire, dated December 22, 1942, from [redacted], ERROL FLYNN'S business manager, which stated that the boat, "Little Sirocco," was built for [redacted] 1 Beekman Place, New York City, who was now overseas in the Government Service. [redacted] wire stated that [redacted] gave the boat to FLYNN with the equipment specified; however, no mention was made of the radio.

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[redacted] Acting Deputy Collector, United States Customs, Court House, El Paso, stated that he had in his possession the original export control license, issued by the Board of Economic Warfare at Washington, D. C., December 7, 1942, #1188760. This license stated that FLYNN was a United States citizen, residing at 8511 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California. The application was dated October 14, 1942, consignee, ERROL FLYNN, in care of Manager, Yacht Club, Acapulco, Mexico. It also stated that the shipment was not intended to be sold or disposed of, and it covered the boat and appliances, but did not specify the radio. [redacted] stated that his office was applying to the United States Attorney at El Paso for a writ of attention, which would authorize Customs to hold the radio because of an alleged violation of Section 6 of Export Control, which is failure to declare.

[redacted] of the Federal Communications Commission, telephoned the Field Office to inform the [redacted] Acting Chief of Radio Intelligence, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C., had wired that the transmitter was not registered. The wire stated that the set was previously registered with call letters WPKV, in the name of [redacted] for use on the yacht, "Little Mona."

On March 1, 1943, Supervisor [redacted], Washington, D. C., telephonically advised that the Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D. C., had been consulted regarding the shipping of instant radio by ERROL FLYNN. He stated that the Board had advised that the radio was not covered by an export license, but stated that FLYNN had a license to operate such a radio and that the facts, as presented, represented a possible technical violation.

[redacted] further stated that the Customs Officials should be diplomatically advised that the Board of Economic Warfare had suggested that the Customs Officials, in their discretion, could require ERROL FLYNN to obtain an export license covering the radio, or they could require him to post a bond guaranteeing the return of the radio to the United States and thereby prevent the sale or disposal of the radio while outside of the continental limits of the United States. Further, if such a bond were posted and ERROL FLYNN then disposed of the radio, there would be a real violation of the Export Control Act, which would warrant prosecution.

[redacted] at the Customs Service, was informed of the Bureau's message.

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Civil Intelligence Section  
The Panama Canal  
Post Office Box 37  
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

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Re:

UPT-CIO Local 713

Dear [redacted]

Reference is made to your letters of May 16, 1949, dealing with [redacted] and the UPT-CIO Local 713.

It is believed that [redacted] is identical with [redacted] who had been contacted previously by the Bureau on various matters. In the investigation regarding the sale of uranium in Mexico, [redacted] was not contacted by Bureau representatives; however, this investigation reflected he did have knowledge of certain facts in this matter.

I again want to thank you for furnishing this information to me and I shall be glad to receive any additional information you might receive which you deem of interest to this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - Foreign Service Desk

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: 8/26/60

FROM : SAC, Norfolk (2-30)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7C  
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Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau dated 5/18/60;  
Norfolk letter to Bureau dated 4/26/60; and report of SA  
[REDACTED] Norfolk dated 8/11/60 and entitled [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED] -7c

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Errol Flynn*

[REDACTED] stated that he never heard of anyone offering to furnish information to any Cuban authorities regarding anti-CASTRO activities. (c) u

[REDACTED] stated that when he saw [REDACTED] he asked [REDACTED] about ERROL FLYNN and [REDACTED] said he met FLYNN down in Cuba but said nothing more about him. (c) u

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
April 9, 1940

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to your communication of March 24, 1940, relative to additional motion picture contacts established by me recently.

Every effort has been made to renew many previous contacts already made and to meet as many new persons in the industry as possible, consistent with my other duties. In connection with several investigations, RUSSELL W. HINWELL, formerly a newspaper representative and now manager of his own advertising agency, has been contacted by various Special Agents of this office. He handles publicity for many stars, including CAROLE LOMBARD and CLAUDE RAINS. He is most cooperative with this office and while I have not had the opportunity to meet him personally, I have talked to him on the telephone on several occasions and he has rendered every assistance to the Agents.

I have become acquainted with RALPH HINWELL, 6511 Sunset Boulevard, who is the agent and business manager for a number of motion picture executives, particularly at the Universal Studio, as well as for actor ERROL FLYNN. Through him I have become acquainted with ERROL FLYNN, prominent Warner Brothers motion picture star.

ROBERT CURRIE, actor, who is becoming very prominent, is a close personal acquaintance of mine and is very favorable to the Bureau. I have become acquainted with the following persons and have always offered to be of any assistance to them in connection with any matters within the Bureau's jurisdiction: FRANK FARRAR, FRANK FARRAR and CLAUDE RAINS. I have had several meetings with Mr. FRANK FARRAR, Editor of actress FRANK FARRAR, and have been of some assistance to him.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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April 9, 1940

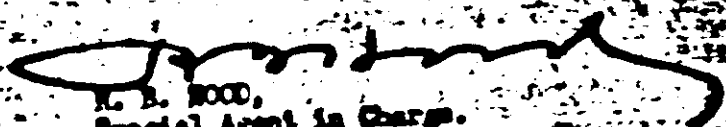
JOSEPH PASTERNAK, producer of Universal Studios, and maker of DEAN JAGGER and MARLENE DIETRICH pictures, is a very good friend of mine and if it appears desirable at any time he has agreed to make a short moving picture for the Bureau. He is regarded as one of the outstanding producers in the industry.

MARTIN POOLEY, the writer, who has been at the Universal Studio in recent months, is well known to me now and it is believed he is sincere in his attitude towards the Bureau.

At the Warner Brothers Studio I have become acquainted with HARRY KATZ, President, and he is very enthusiastic in his support of the Bureau. WILLIAM LUTHER, a former Special Agent of the Bureau, is location manager for Warner Brothers and always speaks very highly of the Bureau and is in a good position to be of assistance. It is understood that he does some confidential work for HARRY KATZ from time to time.

I have also become acquainted with MAX ROY, prominent producer at Warner Brothers Studio, as well as one of his assistants, LOU ADLERMAN.

Very truly yours,

  
R. E. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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REPORT MADE BY

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

2-26, 29-30  
1940

CHARACTER OF CASE

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Victim  
[redacted]

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

[redacted] and that  
[redacted] from Detroit, Michigan  
to Los Angeles, California and placed  
them in an apartment under suspicious  
circumstances which indicated there  
might be a violation of the White Slave  
Traffic Act. Investigation reveals that  
[redacted] and [redacted]  
came to Los Angeles with [redacted] a  
car dealer, driving a car from Detroit,  
Michigan to Los Angeles for him. They  
saw the transportation was for immoral  
purposes, but that they wish to make  
their home here and work here.

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## DETAILS:

On February 25, 1940, an informant telephonically  
advised Special Agent in Charge R. E. ROOD that two girls were  
living at 2551 West Ninth Street in the lower apartment and that  
if an agent came there right away several people prominent in the  
movie business could be located there; that these girls were  
supposedly from Detroit, Michigan and are prostitutes and the  
informant could tell who was supposed to have brought them here.

On February 23, 1940, it was ascertained from the [redacted]  
[redacted] if any lead to have

[redacted] the [redacted] that he was from the Government, and later

H. Connelley

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Los Angeles

advising that he had just been joking about that, as he was not so employed.

It was ascertained that a Cadillac car bearing license No. 5U-945 has been parked at this place almost constantly, and it was checked and found to belong to ERIC LITVA, movie actor; further, that an automobile bearing license No. 61-25 also frequents this place. The girls are said to be [redacted] and [redacted] of Detroit, Michigan, ages 27 and 17, respectively.

Mr. BOOB also was informed that they seldom leave the place except to purchase food and [redacted] very willing to talk to officers about these people.

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She further related that a big black Cadillac sedan bearing license No. 9B-425, 1940 California, was parked in front of this apartment every day between the hours of three P.M. and five P.M.; that on one occasion she had crawled on her knees across the pavement to the driver's side of the automobile and by using a piece of wire which she inserted into the left front door window, she succeeded in opening the door and examined the registration card on the steering wheel. She related that this card was made out to MAROL FLINN, 601 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

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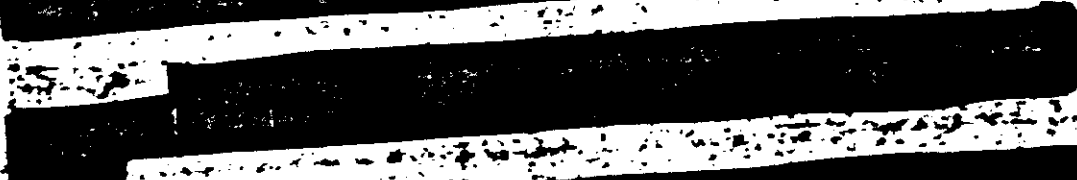
[REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge E. A. GORD advised the writer that he had ascertained that EARL FLINN was not presently working but would be back in the Farmer Brothers lot Friday, February 20, 1940. It was also ascertained from Special Agent [REDACTED] that EARL FLINN has somewhat of a reputation as a woman-chaser. It was therefore decided that since the residence of [REDACTED] was not known, it would be best to follow [REDACTED] from his place of business at [REDACTED] to the victim's present residence so that this place could be surveilled to ascertain the activities.

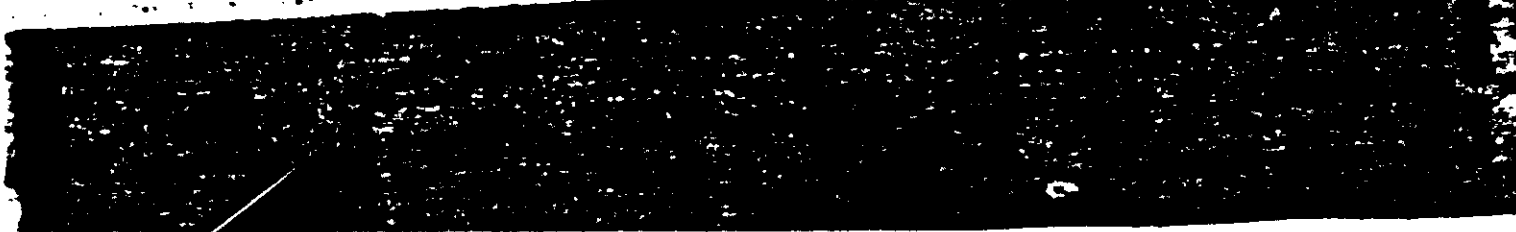
However, the writer maintained a surveillance of [REDACTED] on February 27 and 28, at which time a 1936 black Cadillac sedan bearing 1940 tags 20-925 was observed, but it was not reported by a person who did not fit the description of [REDACTED]. The writer observed on the used car lot at 2120 West Pico Boulevard using the previous [REDACTED] sedan bearing California two [REDACTED] inspected the 1936 black Cadillac sedan bearing California two [REDACTED]. The salesman showing the writer the car pointed out the registration plate, which was located in EARL FLINN, 461 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California.



The writer observed 601 North Linden Drive, the residence  
of ERIC FLYNN, and it was noted that parked in front of this place  
was a 1940 black Cadillac sedan bearing 1940 Michigan tag No. KP-1145.



*Info did not pertain to Eric Flynn*





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REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-18-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/20-22, 24-25, 26, 12/1, 5, 7, 8, 1944	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT CONSPIRACY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

VICTIM



*info not pertinent to end of document*

EX-1057208 REPLY

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 19, 1944 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated November 1, 1944 at Los Angeles, California.

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Victim also said that she and the subject intended to get married in Tulsa and that she was in love with the subject. She admitted that she had received \$250.00 on a two-day house party at ERROL FLYNN's place in Hollywood. She said she did not turn a trick at the party, but had to be ready at all times. She asked the Agents if they found her little red address book in her suitcase. Upon being advised that Agents did find it, she remarked: "The names aren't bad, are they?" She said she could not recall how much money she made hustling in Hollywood. She further admitted that [REDACTED] had brought marijuana from Los Angeles to Tulsa in his automobile.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Errol Flynn*  
*she did not partake of*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: February 2, 1947

TO: Mr. E. A. Tamm

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]  
- [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

To recommend the installation of a technical surveillance on the apartment of [REDACTED] "call house" madam in Los Angeles who uses twenty prostitutes to accommodate her customers, which include famous motion picture producers, directors, and actors, as well as persons well known in the business world and high finance.

## ACTIVITIES OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is the madam of a "call house" located at [REDACTED] Street, Apartment [REDACTED], Los Angeles, California. An individual desiring a girl with one of the twenty prostitutes working for her telephonically contacts [REDACTED] and furnishes his name, address and references. The subject maintains an extensive index system consisting of 3 x 5 cards listing the customer's name, address, station in life, and the identity of the reference. If the caller cannot be identified as a customer or is not well-referred, [REDACTED] will not furnish a girl. To complete her records, the name of the prostitute filling the date as well as the money received is also entered on the card. [REDACTED] herself is also known to complete data as well as accompany some of her girls while out on a call.

## REFERENCES

A few of the names of prominent individuals who have requested prostitutes from [REDACTED] are set forth as follows:

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A highly confidential source has furnished photographs of the index  
maintained at [REDACTED] and copies are being transmitted to the Bureau.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Info does not pertain to Enrol Flynn*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 10, 1951

TO : MR. V. F. KEARNEY

FROM : C. A. Moynihan

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SUBJECT: ERROL FLYNN  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND INVESTIGATION  
BY [REDACTED]

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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 11-25-90

BACKGROUND:

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[REDACTED] was requested by letter dated February 8, 1951, received at the Bureau March 3, 1951, that he be furnished with whatever information is available in Bureau files, or could be obtained concerning the income, resources, social standing, private means, welfare, behavior, and general activities of the movie actor, Errol Flynn. The request for such information is based on the fact that Flynn has been charged in Monaco with rape and indecent assault.

REVIEW OF BUREAU FILES:

DECLASSIFIED BY 6-16383 JET/KC  
ON 1-12-82

Bureau records reflect that in 1943 Flynn was investigated by the Bureau for possible violation of the White Slave Traffic Act in that he reportedly caused to be transported from Los Angeles, California, to Mexico City for immoral purposes Marc Eddington, whom he subsequently married and later divorced. Prosecution in that case was declined by the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles on December 11, 1943, when no proof of the violation of the provisions of the White Slave Traffic Act was obtainable.

Bureau records also reflect that during the latter part of 1942 and the spring of 1943 Flynn was the victim of two separate extortion cases handled by the Bureau, both of which were closed without prosecution.

Bureau records likewise reflect that Flynn was the subject of a Selective Service inquiry on the part of the Bureau during the summer of 1943, when he had allegedly been improperly deferred by his local board because of a heart ailment. The inquiry was discontinued and the case closed when it was determined that he was disqualified for military service by the examining physician because of pulmonary, chronic tuberculosis of the right apex.

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Date: March 14, 1951

To: Mr. Samuel D. Rosen  
Chief  
Office of Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 1-2-82

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: ERROL FLYNN *Identification - Matters*

Transmitted herewith are a copy of a translation of a communication forwarded to this Bureau by [redacted] relative to the movie actor, Errol Flynn, and a copy of this Bureau's reply to that communication. (S) U

For your confidential information, the records of this Bureau reflect that in 1945 Flynn was investigated by the FBI for alleged violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, that he reportedly caused Norma Edgington, whom he allegedly married and later divorced, to be transported from Los Angeles, California, to Mexico City for immoral purposes. Prosecution in that matter was declined by the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles on December 11, 1945, on the basis that no proof existed that Flynn or his victim had violated the provisions of the White Slave Traffic Act. (S) U

Transmitted herewith also for your information is a copy of the Identification Record of Flynn which has been prepared by the Identification Division of this Bureau.

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To: March 11, 1943

SAC, San Diego

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

(40-17511)

Refer to Bureau letter of January 28, 1943, captioned as above, wherein you were requested to ascertain the background and activities of the subject.

There are enclosed photostatic copies of an intercept submission in connection with a letter dated December 28, 1942, from [REDACTED]. This communication indicates that the subject is presently residing in Mexico, D. F. It will therefore be unnecessary to conduct the investigation requested in the letter of reference, and you may consider the case closed.

Enclosures *R*

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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There is a Frederick J. McEvoy, a ponderer, who is a friend of Hilda Kruger, and also a friend of Bruce Cabot and Errol Flynn.

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Writer states that his Christmas was more than sad at the beginning but a bottle of Tequila made him feel like a million dollars and he ended in Cuernavaca, where he met Fredy Kobovoy (G 6418) and Eroll Flynn, with whom he spent several very amusing hours.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

N.O. FILE NO. **100-10835**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/15/43</b>	PERIOD FOR <b>4/30/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] H:lef</b>
TITLE <b>[REDACTED]</b> passenger arriving aboard SS <b>[REDACTED]</b> New Orleans on April 29, 1943.			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL - M</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Passenger, journalist and Argentine citizen, arrived at New Orleans from Buenos Aires and is proceeding to Beverly Hills, California where he plans to write for Argentine and American newspapers. Passenger's father, **[REDACTED]** is president of Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, director of Transradio and alleged pro-Nazi. Physical description of passenger set out.

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**DETAILS:**

**[REDACTED]** arrived as a passenger aboard SS **[REDACTED]** at New Orleans on April 29, 1943. This passenger was afforded an interview on April 30, 1943 by a panel board consisting of **[REDACTED]**

The following information was obtained during this interview:

This passenger stated that he was born on **[REDACTED]** and that his last permanent address was **[REDACTED]**

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This passenger informed that his grandfather, [REDACTED] was a senator in Argentina on two or three different occasions and was once the Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires. He also stated that another grandfather, [REDACTED] was the first Argentine diplomatic agent to the United States. [REDACTED] further stated that this grandfather bought three warships from the United States Government, paying for them with his own money.

[REDACTED] stated that he was acquainted with number of the personnel of the movie industries at Hollywood, among whom are ERROL FLYNN and [REDACTED] also that he is acquainted with the head of the Latin American Department of the Associated Press, former Associated Press correspondent in Buenos Aires.

Inasmuch as this passenger's baggage was in the custody of customs officials during the interview, it was not possible to ascertain the contents of [REDACTED] letter of introduction from [REDACTED]

This passenger's baggage was searched by customs officials and nothing of a derogatory nature was found.

Following is a description of this passenger as obtained through interview and personal observation.

Name:	[REDACTED]
Age	[REDACTED]
Born	[REDACTED]
Nationality	[REDACTED]
Height	5'6"
Weight	140
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Marital status	Single
Identifying documents:	[REDACTED]

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Failure to develop any derogatory information during the interview with this passenger does not constitute an endorsement or approval of this individual's admittance into this country.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

RE: SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES - GENERAL  
Bureau file 61-7559

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-75147-20)

DATE: March 13, 1959

FROM : Legat, Havana (64-153)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN GAMBLING ACTIVITIES IN CUBA  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Reference Havana letter January 8, 1959. Since the submission of reference letter, the following information has been developed concerning the activities of American gamblers in Havana:

The gambling casinos in Cuba were closed from January 1, 1959, the date of the overthrow of the BATISTA regime, until February 19, 1959, when certain casinos were permitted to reopen by government decree. Contacts with numerous sources affiliated with American gamblers in Cuba indicated that during the period gambling casinos were closed very little overt effort was made on the part of any of the American interest holders to obtain permission to reopen. On January 8, 1959, [redacted] advised that American casino operators intended to have casino and hotel employees bring pressure to bear on the Cuban Government to permit the reopening of gambling casinos.

Subsequently numerous demonstrations were held by employees of the various gambling casinos petitioning the government to permit the reopening of the casinos in order to provide employment for the hotel and casino workers. Permission was finally granted on February 19, 1959, for the following casinos to reopen: Tropicana, Sans Souci, Comodoro, Riviera, Hilton, Nacional, Copri and St. Johns. The Deauville, Sevilla-Biltmore and Plaza casinos were not granted permission to reopen.

[redacted] advised on February 21, 1959, that the government decree allowing certain gambling casinos to reopen had been brought about by the strong threats made on the part of the hotel employees' unions to go on strike unless their demands were heard and the casinos reopened. Source noted that the Cuban Government began February 11, 1959, to confiscate all slot machines in all gambling casinos in Havana.

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SANS SOUCI CASINO:

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On February 13, 1959, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the gambling element had received information that FIDEL CASTRO, Prime Minister of Cuba, did not desire that [REDACTED] continue his gambling operations at the Sans Souci Night Club because it was well known that [REDACTED] had been closely associated with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] brother-in-law of former Cuban President FULGENCIO BATISTA. Source stated that movie actor ERROL FLYNN had apparently endeared himself to FIDEL CASTRO by publicizing a visit he had made to CASTRO when CASTRO was in Oriente Province prior to the overthrow of the BATISTA Government. Source stated that CASTRO had asked ERROL FLYNN to recommend a reliable person to operate the Sans Souci casino. FLYNN, according to source, got in touch with [REDACTED] P. O. Box [REDACTED] Washington. Source described [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED] operator in the Washington-Oregon area. Source stated that [REDACTED] recently came to Cuba and offered [REDACTED]

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Does not perform  
it with you, but by it.



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

July 27, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the recent news comment concerning the situation in Hollywood, California, wherein it is alleged that 300 or more girls each month disappear, and the story of vice existing there, the Bureau has had no directed activity toward this condition. White Slave Traffic Act violations have been sporadically reported in the area. They do not appear to be tied in to any pattern in the movie colony.

Action to be taken:

In view of the article, we are requesting the Los Angeles Office to furnish the details with reference to the news item and the cases which have been recently brought to their attention which may tie into Hollywood vice. It does appear from the article that these girls come from all sections of the country and end up in the Hollywood colony, and because of reverses and failure to obtain employment they turn to vice. This is not in violation of the White Slave Traffic Act but does reveal, if true, an aggravated condition and a failure on the part of local law enforcement to properly perform its duty.

Respectfully,

*I do think our  
S.A. office ought to  
be particularly alert*  
Attachments

A. Rosen



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## Celluloid Boomtown:

# Reporter Finds Hollywood Lives 'Outside the Law'

## Denizens Justify Colony's Excesses By Comparison With Gold Rush Days

This is the third of a series of 10 articles by a Chicago Tribune writer who went to Hollywood to see what was happening there.

By MARCIA WINN

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., July 26 (C.T.P.S.).—In a community the essence of which is blackmail, anything can go. In Hollywood almost anything does go. Laws, say the denizens

of this strange world, with that cheap platitudinous wit that passes for sophistication, are made to be broken.

### Analyses Attempted

Few ever bothered to analyze the peculiar moves here. A man came out not long ago and wrote a book about Hollywood, a book purporting to be a sociological study. No one bothers to mention that the resulting apologia should have been taken with a box of salt. He ended up writing for a major studio. Nevertheless, in this subsidized volume he justifies Hollywood excesses on the ground that Hollywood is just like Alaska in the gold rush, Oklahoma in the oil rush, Newport in the days with its nouveau riche.

The movie people lap this up. They feel just the same way. "Aw," they'll say, "this is just like Oklahoma in the oil boom. Give the place time." No one adds that the local boom has been going strong for 30 years.

### Some Remain Nice

Many perfectly nice, normal people gravitate out here. Some remain that way. The majority go along for a few weeks, and suddenly it hits them: Trauma and amnesia. Forgotten is all of good, of modesty, of dignity, or any so-called homely virtue they once knew—and some never knew any.

In their stead emerges the "new

(Turn to Page 13, Col. 2)

# Laws Are Made To Be Broken, Hollywood Tenet, Says Writer

(Continued from First Page) "Japan," Chaplin said with that curious egomania of Hollywood. "They named streets after me in China. In India, Hindus worship me as a god. The Caucasians made a star out of me. Why should I?" He has some curious friends. One of them met Joan Barry, who had been waiting tables when ignored by the movie-makers, and gave her a letter of introduction to a Hollywood playboy, who wanted her to meet Chaplin. He arranged a cozy dinner party and Chaplin told the girl in her words that she "had what it takes."

The new being is characterized by exhibitionism, egocentricism, and a wanton disregard of the laws and moral codes binding those poor, benighted beings of the land as a whole. He thinks he can do anything and get away with it.

For much of this the movie-going public is responsible, for it sets these beings on a plane far above that of mortals. Most of it is produced by the colony itself, its spotlights—those strong lights under which character as well as blemish disintegrates—and its wealth which corrupts all it touches.

Hundreds of cases could be cited in illustration of this, but the two most flagrant examples of the year, two which managed to get into the public prints over the dead bodies of a good many Hollywood connivers, are Charles Chaplin and Errol Flynn.

### Want Chaplin Matter Dropped

Hollywood thinks the Chaplin matter should be dropped now. Hasn't Chaplin taken a new bride? Aren't they living quietly in the Chaplin mansion, half Spanish, half Mediterranean, half early Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, up on Summit Drive in Beverly Hills?

Chaplin is one of the wealthiest members of the movie colony. Other members say he should be, for he is notoriously stingy, contributing neither to local charity nor any other. He is a British citizen who has never attempted to become a naturalized American, and among the Chapliniana now being investigated by assorted Federal agencies is his income tax.

His remark that he is "a citizen of the world" is well known. Not known at all is the reply he made to a friend who suggested it really was time he took out citizenship papers here.

"They have statues to me in

"Japan," Chaplin said with that curious egomania of Hollywood. "They named streets after me in China. In India, Hindus worship me as a god. The Caucasians made a star out of me. Why should I?"

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Chaplin gave her a movie contract and undertook her dramatic instruction. He declaimed Shakespeare for hours on end with the enchanted girl as audience. The rest of the story is well known and sordid. After the girl underwent two illegal operations she was arrested by Beverly Hills police for "annoying" Chaplin and booked as a vagrant. Here Municipal Judge Charles Griffith sentenced her to 90 days' servitude, but suspended the sentence on condition she "never bother Chaplin again."

### Chaplin Buddie in Court

While in court the girl spied Chaplin's buddie, Robert Arden, an ex-radio small talk gentleman whose real name is Richard Kligler. Kligler was arrested by the FBI in 1941 on charges of entering the United States illegally from Austria in 1938. A movie magnate was instrumental in having a bill introduced in Congress asking that his citizenship be established by act. This failed to pass. The Department of Immigration refuses to say whether Arden is scheduled to be deported after the war or whether his case has yet to be heard.

After the hearing a detective Capt. W. W. White, gave Joan \$100 and a tourist ticket to New York. White told her Arden (Kligler) left the money and ticket for her. She was to get out and stay out.

She didn't. She met a friend in Omaha who told her to come back and fight. She tried to reach Chaplin again, again was arrested and sentenced to 30 days. The rest of the story is well known.

Various investigations into Chaplin's life were begun. Had no

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contributed to the delinquency of August 1941. She made no head-  
honors by having the Barry girl way. In fact, a group of officials  
his home where he has two went to her parents in Santa Bar-  
ing sons? Had he been an bara and obtained a letter-carrying  
cessary to two illegal operations the parents did not want to proce-  
informed on Joan Barry? cute, as the girl "was so young  
His marriage to Oona O'Neill, the scandal would be humiliating."  
so was 18 years old in May. The matter was dropped.  
appears to have slowed up these  
vestigations. Whether more is  
ne with the others depends on  
e zeal or integrity of the district  
orney's office.

#### Flynn Technique

The Flynn technique, in which  
was acquitted of statutory rape  
three counts, may be related  
ch more briefly. The girls in  
case were Peggy Satterlee,  
ow girl, and movie-struck Betty  
ansen.

The Satterlee girl first attempted  
press charges against Flynn in

#### Betty Hansen Case

A year later Betty Hansen, 17,  
was reported missing. As she was  
a juvenile the juvenile court looked  
her up. In her pocketbook they  
found Flynn's private telephone  
number. In the subsequent grand  
jury investigation three youths,  
two of whom were employed by  
the same studio (Warner Brothers)  
as Flynn, admitted sexual rela-  
tionship with the girl. Flynn de-  
nied it.

On the grand jury was Harry  
Wurtzel, an actor's agent. Wurtzel

her of Sol Wurtzel, a pro-riage to be overlooked. Moreover  
at 20th Century-Fox. The an energetic district attorney wa  
jury, including Wurtzel, went to then in office, John F. Dockweiler  
and reported a no bill on all "Issue the complaint," he ordered  
the defendants—the three who had "We have as much evidence as w  
admitted guilt as well as Flynn ever do."  
who denied it. Everyone in the film industr  
This was too flagrant a miscar-

went to town on Dockweiler, but  
the Flynn case went to trial. Flynn  
was acquitted, and movie-struck  
ladies cheered, but that's the way  
it goes out here in this merry,  
amusing town called Hollywood.  
And Dockweiler died of a heart  
attack.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. E. Belmont

DATE: October 30, 1953

FROM : W. A. R. Keay

SUBJECT: BOB HOPE, et al  
NAME CHECK REQUESTS  
SECRET SERVICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Joseph Ellis, Secret Service, called Mr. Roach at 6 P.M. on October 30, 1953, and stated that he had just received a list of sixteen prominent movie actors and entertainers who were to be invited to the White House on Monday, November 2, 1953. Ellis stated that such persons as Bob Hope, Errol Flynn, Mickey Rourke, Eddie Fisher, Rosemary Clooney, and other very prominent persons were included on the list and he desired that the Bureau files be checked, particularly the criminal files, to determine if there was any criminal or subversive data in our files and that the results be made available no later than Monday morning, November 2, 1953. Mr. Ellis stated that he did not have the fingerprints of these persons nor any identifying data concerning them nor did he have any information regarding their true names. He stated that the White House was particularly interested to know if there were any moral charges being filed against these persons as they did not want to cause embarrassment to the White House by inviting some undesirables. Ellis stated that time was of the essence and that they realized there was little or nothing to do on the day of the checks, particularly the criminal checks. Mr. Roach explained to Mr. Ellis that without any identifying data whatsoever and particularly the fingerprint records of these people and in view of the time involved, a worthwhile check could not be made through our records within the time allotted.

Pursuant to your instructions Mr. Ellis was told that if he would supply identifying data, in particular the true names of the persons involved, the Bureau would do what it could but that in view of the numerous references to these persons under their professional names, it would take time to complete the check thoroughly. Mr. Ellis stated that he appreciated the Bureau's position and that we need take no further action in the matter until he had obtained more identifying information on which to base a reasonable check.

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None. For your information.

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GENERAL CRIME SURVEY

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Period from October 10, 1944 to April 10, 1945

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Subsequent to statements in the newspaper he procured the services of JERRY GEISLER, noted criminal attorney, Pacific Coast, who, as a matter of interest, defended ERIC FLYNN and defense counsel.

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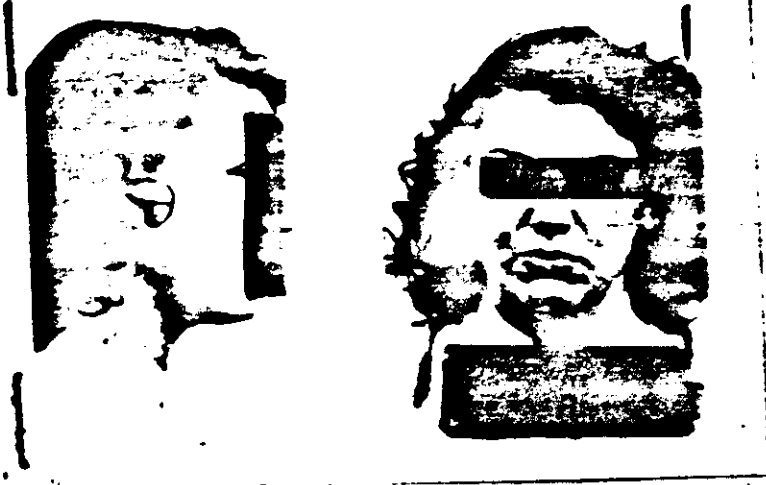
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One of her associates in crime is a prostitute by the name of [REDACTED] with alias [REDACTED]. The latter is known to do business in San Francisco "Bookie" and gambler and fellow traveler of [REDACTED]. At present, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are using the phone number of [REDACTED] in their exclusive "call system" business.

PRINCIPAL CENTERS OF PROSTITUTION  
IN LOS ANGELES AND VICINITY

HOLLYWOOD AND BEVERLY HILLS

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[REDACTED] was quoted recently in the Los Angeles Herald-Express, that thousands of girls from surrounding states are lured to Hollywood and vicinity each year by the "bright lights" and visions of fame and fortune in the cinema, radio and modeling professions. About 500 per year are lost and many are found as waitresses, clerks and stenographers in the Los Angeles area. [REDACTED] and others admit this to be true but specify that most of the girls are located in the subterranean recesses of commercialized vice.

[REDACTED] reiterate that legitimate fronts

*Info does not pertain to Eric S. Glyn*

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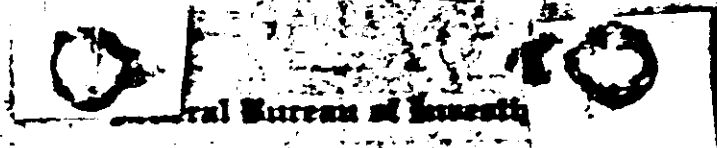
like [REDACTED], Hollywood, turn out the disillusioned young beauties as prostitutes in the following manner.

After several legitimate jobs, this agency sponsors private modeling shows at the Hotel Knickerbocker or their own quarters. Movie stars like TROLOE BROWN attend. The potential prostitutes are lured, dined, flattered and promised careers until gradually demoralized. When ripe, they are developed into obscene models and from there "party girls" and finally down the ladder of prostitution and immorality to Skid Row and Central Avenue dives.

[REDACTED] Los Angeles, has also been reported as a similar establishment as [REDACTED]. His agency is commonly known as a "flesh peddler" in the Hollywood Movie Guild and he also supplies strip tease artists for stag affairs.

On February 6, 1940, SA [REDACTED] was reliably informed that [REDACTED] Beverly Hills prostitute, uttered the following statement: "I have paid [REDACTED] Beverly Hills, California, \$100.00 per month over a period of time but now [REDACTED] has raised my protection fee to \$250.00 per month. I have no alternative but pay him or lose my protection and 'practice'".

[REDACTED] claims that [REDACTED] Hollywood Columnist, was a former Hollywood "madam". She is now no. 1 "shakedown" artist of prominent West Coast personalities. Her modus operandi is to invite starlets to her home on the pretext of writing a column about them. There, like a magnet, she draws her blackmailing gossip from her unsuspecting starlets whom she wines and introduces to the right people, while tapping every source of extortion information.



Central Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

510 South Spring Street, Room 900

Los Angeles 13, California

June 27, 1952

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: **GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**  
**REPORT**

**LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

**JANUARY 1, 1952**

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) DATE 9/23/52

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Dear Sir:

The captioned report is transmitted herewith.

This is an Administrative Report in its entirety.

The report was prepared by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. The section on Juvenile Delinquency for the [redacted] city was prepared by SA [redacted]. The contributions of various Resident Agents are indicated in the appropriate sections of the report.

The identities of confidential informants represented by symbols in this report are furnished to the Bureau on this date by separate letter.

Very truly yours,

**E. H. CARSON**  
Special Agent in Charge

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For an alleged offense occurring on September 27, 1942, at the place of the late FREDERICK L. LAY in a suburb of Beverly Hills, the actor FREDERICK LAY was charged with the commission of statutory rape. The victim was FREDERICK LAY. She was a 17 year old visitor from Los Angeles County at the time of the offense. Mr. FREDERICK LAY is a resident of Los Angeles County. It was then announced that FREDERICK LAY, a well known old girl, had also been a victim of FREDERICK LAY's action. FREDERICK LAY had he had FREDERICK LAY as his attorney. The case went on for some time, and it was such that the case against FREDERICK LAY was held and the case against the victim was dropped around a monetary dispute. In a more or less of a manner; FREDERICK LAY was able to sway the jury and FREDERICK LAY was acquitted. For the record, FREDERICK LAY always manages to delay his clients in various circumstances beyond their control. But it appears that he has been one of his important clients are either involved in a monetary dispute.

[REDACTED]

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pertain to Fred  
Lay*  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 9, 1945

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] COLLUSIONS,  
[REDACTED] CONCERNING

BAC CREDIT OF SERVICE

[REDACTED] was born in [REDACTED] and is the son of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Although his true name is [REDACTED] he is generally known as [REDACTED].

ASSOCIATION AT WARNER BROTHERS STUDIO

When employed at the Warner Brothers Studio in Los Angeles, California, [REDACTED] submitted, among his several references, the name of [REDACTED]. This person is undoubtedly the motion picture actor [REDACTED]. In 1934 [REDACTED] was placed on the payroll of Errol Flynn after he had ceased employment with [REDACTED] which is operated off the coast of Santa Monica, California, by [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] originally associated with Errol Flynn he was given a pass to the Warner lot and frequently brought young girls to Flynn on the set. It was well known in Los Angeles that Flynn was having relations with these girls, at the Warner Studios and Jack Warner personally instructed Flynn to cease this practice since it had become so notorious. [REDACTED] general reputation during this period was that of a personal pimp for Flynn. About 1939, Flynn had [REDACTED] placed on the Warner Brothers payroll in the publicity department. However, his principal activity continued to be the obtaining of girls for Flynn and for movie executives and producers.

When at the Warner Brothers Studio [REDACTED] is said to have taken over the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was inducted into the Army. [REDACTED] principal [REDACTED] was to furnish girls to the Hollywood circles. [REDACTED] has been engaged in this [REDACTED] as well as furnishing girls for parties in New York, Chicago, and other cities. He is considered a high-class procurer.

ALLEGED RAPE OF [REDACTED]

It is alleged that when a private train of Warner Brothers personnel proceeded to the East for a summer shooting of a film believed to be "Santa Fe," [REDACTED] gave movie actress [REDACTED] Mickey Finn. Following this, she allegedly raped by Flynn who is said to have made bets with certain [REDACTED] the train that he could accomplish this feat. As a result, [REDACTED] attempted suicide and had to be flown back to Los Angeles for hospitalization.

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Los Angeles, California  
April 27, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Re: [REDACTED] wa

In accordance with your request, the following information is submitted concerning the above individual.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In 1938 [REDACTED] was placed on ERROL FLYNN's personal payroll. Just prior to that he had been working on one of the gambling ships owned by [REDACTED] off the coast of Santa Monica. He had acted as master of ceremonies and saw that lone men and women gambling on the ship became acquainted. When he was first associated with FLYNN he was given a pass to the Warner lot and frequently brought young girls to FLYNN's set and it was well known that the actor was having relations with these young girls at the studio and it finally became so notorious that it is reported JACK WARNER personally instructed FLYNN to cease bringing these girls on to the studio property. It is alleged that when a private train of Warner Brothers personnel proceeded eastward for a premiere showing of a film believed to be "Santa Fe," [REDACTED] allegedly gave [REDACTED] a Mickey Finn following which she was raped by ERROL FLYNN. FLYNN allegedly made bets with certain friends on the train that he could accomplish this feat and as a result the actress attempted to commit suicide and had to be flown back to Los Angeles for hospitalization.

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Re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] general reputation at that time was as personal pimp for ERROL FLYNN. About 1939 FLYNN had him placed on the Warner Brothers payroll in the publicity department although he actually never did any work in connection with it and his principal function appeared to be to obtain girls for certain executives and producers as well as for FLYNN.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

was not put in  
by Errol Flynn

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 23, 1945

FROM : J. A. ROSEN **b7c**

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] with alias,  
[REDACTED] COINCIDENTAL,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

This is a status memorandum to acquaint you with the information thus far developed regarding [REDACTED] with alias.

BACKGROUND OF CASE

[REDACTED] are commonly known as [REDACTED] has for the past several years been associated with movie actor Errol Flynn, and Warner Brothers Studios. While at Warner Brothers [REDACTED] is said to have provided girls for Flynn and for other movie executives and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] contact [REDACTED] has been with [REDACTED]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 24, 1945

FROM : A. Rosen **b7c**SUBJECT: [REDACTED] with alias,  
[REDACTED] CONTINUOUS,  
[REDACTED] CONCERNING

Re

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Mumford	✓
Mr. Jones	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

This is a status memorandum to furnish you with the alleged immoral background and activities of [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND OF CASE

[REDACTED] is an associate and alleged procurer for Errol Flynn and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has been seen recently on several occasions in the company of [REDACTED]

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: June 16, 1945

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TO :

THE DIRECTOR

FROM :

A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED] with alias,  
[REDACTED] US;  
[REDACTED] CONCERNING

## PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

This is a status memorandum to furnish you with the background, past and present activities, of [REDACTED]

## BACKGROUND OF CASE

[REDACTED] an associate and alleged procurer for Errol Flynn and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] recently on several occasions in the company of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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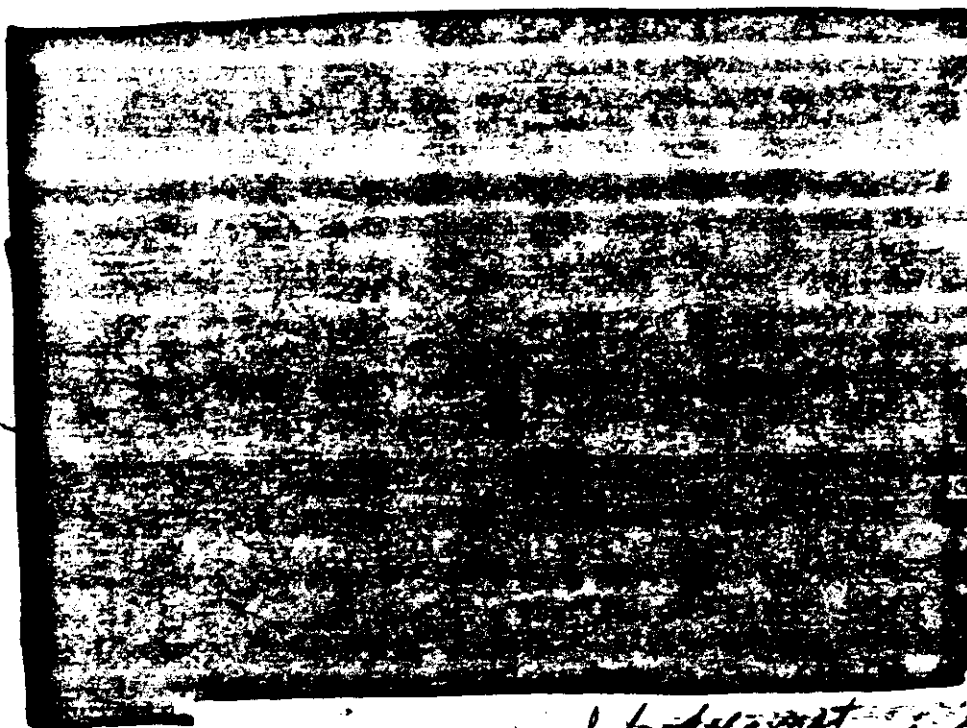
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SUBJECT [REDACTED] with aliases [REDACTED] <b>b7c</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

SUMMARY OF FACTS:

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REFERENCES:

Bureau letter dated May 10, 1945.  
Los Angeles Memorandum for the Director dated April 27, 1945.  
Los Angeles Teletypes dated May 19, 21, 23, 26, 1945.

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DETAILS:

This is a joint report of the writer and Special Agent [redacted] together with Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] states that he has known subject over a period of seven years, and that in 1938 [redacted] came on ERROL FLYNN'S personal payroll as the latter's procurer. Just prior to that time [redacted] was connected with [redacted]

Upon becoming associated with FLYNN, [redacted] was given a pass which enabled him to drive on and off the Warner lot, and he would frequently bring young girls on to the set where FLYNN was acting. No secret was made of the fact that FLYNN had sexual relations with these girls in his dressing room on the set and in his permanent dressing rooms on the lot. It finally got to the point where JACK WARNER himself told FLYNN that he would have to stop bringing these girls on to Warner's property.

At the time the picture "Santa Fe" was previewed and a special train was hired for the premiere, [redacted] is alleged to have given [redacted] the ricky finn which resulted in her being raped by ERROL FLYNN. [redacted] allegedly made bets with certain friends and associates on the train that he could accomplish this feat. As a result, [redacted] tried to commit suicide and had to be flown back to Los Angeles for hospitalization. In describing [redacted] stated "everybody knew him as the Number 1 pimp for FLYNN."

About 1939, FLYNN and [redacted] broke up, at which time FLYNN gave [redacted] a new Cadillac and induced JACK WARNER to put him on the payroll of the studio in the Publicity Department. While so engaged, [redacted] never did any work in connection with publicity; his principal function was to supply girls for certain executives and personalities of the studio, and subject was characterized as being "a girl-getter; that's all he ever did."

[redacted]

*Info does not pertain to Errol Flynn*



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 26, 1945

FROM : A. ROSEN **b7c**

CC: moc

SUBJECT: **[REDACTED]**  
**[REDACTED]**; INFORMATION CONCERNINGPurpose **b7c**

This memorandum is to advise you of the current developments regarding the activities of **[REDACTED]** a former close associate of Errol Flynn, who is presently connected with **[REDACTED]**

Current Activities**[REDACTED]****[REDACTED]** **b7c****[REDACTED]****[REDACTED]****[REDACTED]** **b7c****[REDACTED]**

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CCN:abk

TO : The Director

DATE: August 25, 1945

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED]  
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E.A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

## PURPOSE

This memorandum is to advise you of the current activities of [REDACTED] who was a former close associate of Errol Flynn and who is presently connected with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED]

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## ACTION TO BE TAKEN

These data are supplied for your information. The Los Angeles Office is closely following the activities of subject [REDACTED] and you will be promptly advised of future pertinent developments.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES

FILE NO. 62-2682

Mr. C. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-6-45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/5-8/30/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>b7c</b>
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Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**



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2. **REFERRED TO**

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] Los Angeles, 7-6-45;  
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It was later determined through [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] is a Beverly Hills playgirl who has recently appeared in motion picture circles under the tutelage of ERROL FLYNN. [REDACTED] is introduced to [REDACTED] through ERROL FLYNN who stated that [REDACTED] wanted a job in motion pictures. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she had lived in Mexico City for sometime and knew ERROL FLYNN there; further, that she comes from a wealthy eastern shipbuilding family. She also advised [REDACTED] that she had been attending several parties for visiting Russians recently. She affected an English accent. It was [REDACTED]'s impression that Miss [REDACTED] is in need of funds. He advised that he was not interested in helping to start her on a motion picture career as she appeared unstable and difficult to get along with. During [REDACTED]'s interview with [REDACTED] ERROL FLYNN was present, and [REDACTED] stated that Miss [REDACTED] and FLYNN looked at each other during the entire interview so that he felt like a stranger.

[REDACTED]

*Info does not pertain to Errol Flynn*

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GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 10/1/45

CCN: EVD: RH

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] with aliases  
DISCERNABLE - INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE - This memorandum is to acquaint you with recent information which has been received from the Los Angeles Division regarding the activities of [REDACTED]

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ACTIVITIES WITH [REDACTED] It has been determined that on August 23, 1945, [REDACTED] a girl later identified as [REDACTED] Beverly Hills, California, and drove her to [REDACTED] where she apparently boarded a plane for the East. Another individual, [REDACTED] of Beverly Hills, was

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present when [redacted] picked up the [redacted] girl and the Los Angeles Division believed that [redacted] had, perhaps, stayed at the [redacted] address [redacted] the preceding [redacted]. The Los Angeles Division has learned through [redacted] that [redacted] is a Beverly Hills play girl who has recently appeared in motion picture circles under the tutelage of Errol Flynn.

[redacted] was introduced to [redacted] through Rayon, who stated the [redacted] wanted a job in the pictures. She has told [redacted] that she lived in Mexico City for some time and knew Flynn there and that she comes from a very wealthy eastern ship-building family.

[redacted], who knows [redacted], believes she is in need of funds. He stated he was recently contacted by Errol Flynn and [redacted] regarding her motion picture career but that he was not interested. [redacted] converted that Flynn was present during his interview with [redacted] Flynn or [redacted] [redacted] at each other during the entire interview so that [redacted] felt like a stranger.

*Info does not pertain to Errol Flynn.*

ACTION TAKEN - The Los Angeles Division has been repeatedly advised of the urgency of this inquiry and is affording it preferred attention.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
November 6, 1945

Director, FBI

RE: [REDACTED] with aliases;

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

was placed on the pay roll of ERROL FLYNN, motion picture actor, and reportedly he was nothing more than a procurer of women for FLYNN. In 1939, he left FLYNN's employment and became associated with Warner Brothers Studio in the publicity department, and in 1941 he became closely associated with [REDACTED] and was given a position as



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: December 4, 1951  
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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] IS;  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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PURPOSE

To acquaint you with the recent developments in this case and to call to your attention the Los Angeles Division's recent request that consideration be given to closing this case.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] employed by [REDACTED], motion picture actor. His work with Flynn appears to have been limited to the procurement of women for Flynn. In 1939 he became associated with Warner Brothers Studio in the publicity department and at that time gave as a reference [REDACTED], apparently Walter Pidgeon.

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*Information pertains to Errol Flynn*

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Everything indicates that [REDACTED] is a complete scoundrel and is reported, on one occasion, to have entered into a conspiracy whereby [REDACTED] was given a mickey finn and while she was incapacitated, she was raped by Errol Flynn.

It has been shown that [REDACTED] is a very close contact of [REDACTED]. He frequently arranges pleasure and business trips for him and, in addition, appears to act as a liaison man for [REDACTED] enterprises. He always is designated to entertain outstanding persons coming to Los Angeles, who have contact with the Hughes' organization.

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AIRGRAM

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FROM American Legation

Helsinki, Finland

Date of mailing: July 16, 1947

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

-244, July 14, 1947.

In the July 8 issue of HYOKKAN (Finnish), organ of the Communist Party in Helsinki, there appeared a prominent article concerning Communists in Hollywood. Names of Harry Potter and Armand Hammer are included in the statements ostensibly made by these two persons relative to their considering it an honor to be members of the Communist Party. The article further mentions other stars in Hollywood (who are termed "American") who are not members of the party but nevertheless have defended the Spanish Loyalists, the execution of Roosevelt, supported the trade unions, and fought against race discrimination. These include John Ford, Armand G. G. G. G., Frederick March, Katharine Hepburn, Wendy, Marlo Morgan, Frances Jones, the Iron, Charles Chaplin, Paul Robeson, Olive, Richard, Orson Wells, Frank Sinatra and Mit.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
AIR MAIL

Director of the Public Surete  
Principality of Monaco

Attention: Subdirector of the  
National Surete

Dear Sirs:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Reference is made to your letter dated February 8, 1951, your file number 2099/025237, wherein you requested that you be furnished with information available or information that could be secured by this Bureau relative to Mr. Errol Flynn, the film artist.

Please be advised that a review of the records of this Bureau has failed to reflect that the FBI has conducted any investigation of Flynn pertinent to your inquiry.

There is enclosed, however, for your confidential information, a copy of the Identification Record of Flynn under FBI number 3069421. You will note from that record that Flynn was fingerprinted on two occasions in 1942 by the Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California. Accordingly, you may desire to communicate directly with Mr. Eugene W. Biscailuz, Sheriff of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles 12, California, for the purpose of securing the desired information.

Please be assured of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Samuel D. Boykin

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ERBEN, Dr. Herman F.

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Recently ship's physician, S.S. USSUKUMA, who departed Argentina for Chile 12-24-39, intending to sail via Grace Line for U. S. Sent baggage to San Francisco via S.S. ~~ERENANGER~~. Stated he could be reached through Errol ~~LYNN~~, movie actor; c/o [REDACTED] N.Y.C.; or c/o [REDACTED] San Francisco.

Reported to have stated that Tito ~~MARTENS~~, North German Lloyd Agent, Buenos Aires, who is prominent Nazi in Argentina, suggested SUBJECT would "make a good agent" and that he had offered his services to the German Embassy, Buenos Aires.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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In reply refer to  
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January 26, 1940

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Referring to a telephonic request from your Bureau made some weeks ago in a conversation which Mr. Warren of my office had with a member of your staff, I am pleased to enclose a copy of strictly confidential despatch no. 754 of January 11, 1940 from the American Consul General at Buenos Aires, Argentina, in regard to the steamship Yasukuma and one Dr. Hermann F. Erben who already has a record in your Bureau. Should additional information of value regarding Dr. Erben be received I shall be pleased to send a copy thereof to you.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Messersmith  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

From Consulate General, Buenos Aires,  
no. 754, January 11, 1940, with  
enclosure.

J. Edgar Hoover, Esquire,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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DUPLICATE

AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL  
Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 11, 1940.

Strictly Confidential

SUBJECT: Activities of German Vessels in Argentine Ports.

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor, with reference to my despatch no. 632 of November 17, 1939, and other reports relating to the German vessel Ussukama which was at the port of Ingeniero White at Bahía Blanca prior to being scuttled off the east coast of Argentina, to transmit herewith a memorandum prepared by Vice Consul Clifton P. English regarding the departure for Chile of Dr. Hermann F. Erben, an American citizen who was serving as ship's surgeon aboard the Ussukama. It will be noted that Dr. Erben's record and conduct have been such as to give rise to some suspicion with respect to his trustworthiness and loyalty.

Respectfully yours,

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Monnett B. Davis  
American Consul General

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Enclosure No. ( ) to despatch No. 754 dated January 11, 1940,  
from Vonnet F. Davis, Consul General at Buenos Aires,  
Argentina, on subject "Activities of German Vessels in  
Argentine Ports".

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 11, 1940.

MEMORANDUM

~~Strictly Confidential~~

TO: The Consul General.

FROM: Vice Consul Clifton P. English.

SUBJECT: Dr. Hermann F. Erben of the German Merchant  
Vessel Ussukuma.

Reference is made to the memorandum transmitted with despatch no. 692 of November 17, 1939, setting forth information obtained from the naturalized American citizen, Dr. Hermann F. Erben. It will be recalled that Dr. Erben was ship's physician on the German vessel Ussukuma. This person recently departed for Chile, stating that he intended to take a Grace Line ship for the United States.

When Dr. Erben left the Ussukuma in Bahia Blanca, he came to Buenos Aires and reported to the Consulate General his desire of returning immediately to the United States. He then made several attempts to secure passage on ships in Buenos Aires, but without success. In this connection reference is made to despatch no. 697 of November 21, 1939, in which it was reported that Dr. Erben's activities as an "ardent Nazi" while serving as ship's physician on the S.S. Wahsch, an American vessel, in 1936 allegedly had occasioned so much trouble that it was necessary for the master to return him from Rio de Janeiro to the United States on a ship of another line; and that Erben was met in New Orleans by Immigration and Department of Justice officers.

After he had been in Buenos Aires several days, Dr. Erben received a telegram in care of the Consulate General and announced that he had received good news, that he was about to receive a sum of money, that he no longer wished to take a ship from Buenos Aires and that he would soon leave for Chile. Subsequently he stated that he was going to Chile to see a "doctor friend who has recently arrived there", and that he was not certain just how he would go to the United States but that he would try to go on a vessel of the Grace Line.

Before he left he gave me several pictures of the Admiral Graf Spee and the Ussukuma, and promised to send me more of the Ussukuma which had been taken while that vessel was at sea between Lourenco Marques and Bahia Blanca. These pictures showed the vessel flying the Portuguese flag, with the name Ussukuma obliterated and the name "Quansa" (for a Portuguese ship) painted over the former. He stated that he would have given them to

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me earlier but that he had sent them with some baggage to San Francisco on board the S.S. Grenanger. Finally, the day before he left for Chile he let slip a remark to the effect that Tito Martens, who is the agent in Buenos Aires for the North German Lloyd and who is reported to have much influence in Nazi circles in Argentina, had said to him that he would make a "good agent". He asserted that he had not understood what Martens had meant at first, but that he had gone to the German Embassy the afternoon of the same day and placed his services at its disposal.

Dr. Erben left for Chile on December 24, but before departing gave me two addresses at which he might be reached in the United States. He said also that he was a good friend of Errol Flynn, the motion picture actor, and that he might be found through him. The addresses he gave me are as follow:

/ o/o Rudolph Scharf,  
850 Park Avenue,  
New York, New York.

/ o/o Chauncey Tramutolo,  
Alexander Building,  
Montgomery Street,  
San Francisco, California.

C.F.E.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1940

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With reference to previous correspondence in the case of Dr. Hermann Frederick Erben I hasten to enclose a copy of air mail despatch no. 55 of February 10, 1940 from the American Consulate at Antofagasta, Chile. I shall not fail to supply you with copies of any later reports in this case received by this Department from abroad.

A copy of this despatch is also being sent to the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Sincerely yours,

*Adolf A. Berle, Jr.*  
Adolf A. Berle, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary

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Enclosure:

From Antofagasta, Chile,  
No. 55, February 10, 1940.

J. Edgar Hoover, Esquire,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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AMERICAN CONSULATE

Antofagasta, Chile, February 10, 1940

SUBJECT: Erben, Dr. Hermann Frederick

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to this Consulate's despatch No. 52 of January 26, 1940 entitled "Erben, Dr. Hermann Frederick" and to report further to the Department regarding the person who is the subject of this despatch.

On January 26 ultimo the American SS NIGHTINGALE called at this port and the master reported that he needed a messman for the crew and requested this Consulate to provide one if any was available. Dr. Erben was then in this port as a passenger from Valparaiso to Callao on the Japanese MS HEIYO MARU, and, since he had requested this Consulate's assistance in signing on an American vessel, stating that he would do anything, for the purpose of returning to the United States, he was told about the vacancy in the NIGHTINGALE's crew and he promptly requested to be signed on the vessel to fill the vacancy. The master of the vessel, Captain Laurence B. Parker, was agreeable so Dr. Erben became a member of the vessel's crew, and sailed southbound on the above date.

The NIGHTINGALE called at this port northbound on February 7th and Dr. Erben called at this Consulate to ask the undersigned to persuade Captain Parker to discharge him from the vessel when it reached the Panama Canal, stating that when he left the German vessel USUKAMA at Buenos Aires, in which he claimed to have been serving as a ship's surgeon, he had been permitted only to bring the khaki uniform he was wearing and that with only this clothing he could not brave the rigor of winter in New York. He thought if he could be discharged from the NIGHTINGALE at the Panama Canal he would be able to support himself with the wages he had earned (some \$25.00) until he could catch a vessel bound for California where the climate would be milder, and where he had friends

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• It was observed, however, that he managed to save a very good camera.

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who would help him. When asked who the friends were he mentioned the names of Errol Flynn, the actor, and Ernest Hemingway, the author, with whom he had gone to Spain to fight in the recent civil war in that country. Dr. Erben was informed that the Consulate had no authority to induce Captain Parker or the Canal Zone authorities to let him sign off there. He returned to the vessel and sailed north in it when it departed from this port on February 8th.

Captain Parker also called at the Consulate on February 8th to report that he had become very suspicious of the man (Dr. Erben) which he had signed on here while southbound. He reported that upon reaching Valparaiso Dr. Erben was met by a large delegation from the members of the crew of the German sailing ship PRIEWALD, which is taking refuge there, and that the impression he gained was that Dr. Erben was a man of considerable importance to them judging by the deference they showed him and the number of Nazi salutes given to him. While in Valparaiso Dr. Erben, when not doing his job on the NIGHTINGALE, spent all of his time aboard the German vessel or photographing anything he could train his camera on. Captain Parker said he obtained a boat and went around the Chilean battleship LATORRE photographing it from stem to stern. When the NIGHTINGALE called at Coquimbo northbound Dr. Erben was again met by a large delegation of Germans, and Captain Parker gained the impression that he was well known and appeared to be a man of importance to most members of the delegation. At this port Dr. Erben busily photographed everything in sight including the American vessel in which he was serving. Captain Parker's suspicion of Dr. Erben increased and, since he knew he was coming to Antofagasta to ship a cargo of 4,800 tons of copper which will probably eventually find its way to the allies in the European war, he gave orders to the ship's officers to keep a sharp watch over Dr. Erben and not permit him access to certain parts of the ship. Afterward, the Chief Engineer reported that Erben attempted to gain access with his camera to the engine room. This was not permitted because the NIGHTINGALE is one of the new Maritime Commission freighters said to have some new developments in the engine room. Strict orders were imparted to keep Erben out of the engine room.

Captain Parker said that Erben had taken up with him the question of his discharge at the Canal Zone, and had been told that since the vessel would not make formal entry there but only stop to bunker, the appropriate officials would not be on hand to effect his discharge and that it could not be done.

However, Captain Parker stated to the undersigned that the discharge could be effected while his vessel was bunkering provided it should be agreeable to the authorities, and requested this Consulate to communicate with the authorities of the Canal Zone and request them to inform him upon his arrival there if

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the man was discharged. Captain Parker feels sure that Erben is a German agent, despite his status as a naturalized American, and he wishes to proceed accordingly. Therefore, he wishes advance notice from the Canal Zone authorities so if they refuse to allow Erben's discharge there he can take action which would not tend to arouse Erben's suspicion that he is suspected of being the agent of a foreign power attempting to gain access to the Canal. No communication has been sent to any authorities of the Canal but a copy of this despatch has been sent to our Embassy at Panama for any action deemed by it to be appropriate.

In addition to Captain Parker's report that Erben photographed everything around the port works at Antofagasta including the copper loading operations on the NIGHTINGALE, the undersigned observed certain activity on his part which was interesting. During the afternoon of February 7th at about 3:00 o'clock Dr. Erben was seen entering the German bank together with the leader of the German Nazi party here, who is a German national. Had Dr. Erben wished to obtain exchange of money it seems likely that he would have effected the transaction in the street where a more favorable rate could be had. In any case it does not seem necessary that he should have been accompanied by the Nazi leader in order to effect a simple exchange operation. The deduction drawn is that he was either receiving money from the bank or using it as a means of transmitting and receiving messages.

During the conversations had with Dr. Erben certain interesting information was received, but it must be taken into account that it was all the result of his own statements. His mother, Johana Erben, resides in Vienna at III Arenberggring 19, and he has two sons in the German army now on active duty after serving in the Polish campaign. Just before the Munich crisis he was visiting his mother, and he received instructions to report to army headquarters. He did and he was given a rank in the medical corps, outfitted with a uniform and accoutrements, and told if war should break out he was to report at a certain hospital bringing 5-day's rations. He said that he protested on the ground that he was an American citizen, but he was told "you were born a German, you are of German race, you are a German, and you always will be a German". Dr. Erben admitted participation in the Spanish civil war and the present conflict in China. He reported that the only way he could get out of Germany was to place himself under the orders of the German Admiralty and ship as surgeon on a German ship. He stated that when he reached Buenos Aires on a German ship, presumably the USUKAMA, after the outbreak of war, and learned that it had become unlawful for American citizens to serve in belligerent

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vessels h(     ft the vessel voluntarily. However, he was considered by German officials at Buenos Aires to be on active duty and was told to prepare to be returned to Germany for further service. He then received orders to report to the German TACOMA but he never did this because the vessel became embroiled in the GRAF SPEE affair and was interned in Uruguay. He reported that he then asked the German officials at Buenos Aires (not stating whether of the German Embassy or others) for permission to return to Germany by his own means. His petition was granted so he said because "I am on active duty with the German Admiralty" and it realized that I would have a better chance of returning to Germany and resuming service that way than if I went to sea from Buenos Aires on a German vessel which would almost certainly be sunk". He said that he adopted this procedure to get away from the Germans and reach the United States. His subsequent conduct along the west coast of South America does not bear out his desire to liberate himself from contact with Germans, but he claims that he must continue "to put on an act to obviate reprisals against those I love who are residing in Germany". When he reached Valparaiso Dr. Erben reports that he received orders to report to a German vessel in Talcahuano and put to sea when it did. He claimed that he disregarded these orders and embarked as a passenger on the Japanese HEIYO MARU in an attempt to return to the United States. If he fears reprisals against relatives in Germany it appears that disregarding orders will be an excellent way to bring them about. Dr. Erben is not, of course, telling his whole story. The fact that Dr. Erben is on the British list of suspected German agents, as reported by the British Consul here, is also significant.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE H. ADAMS

American Vice Consul

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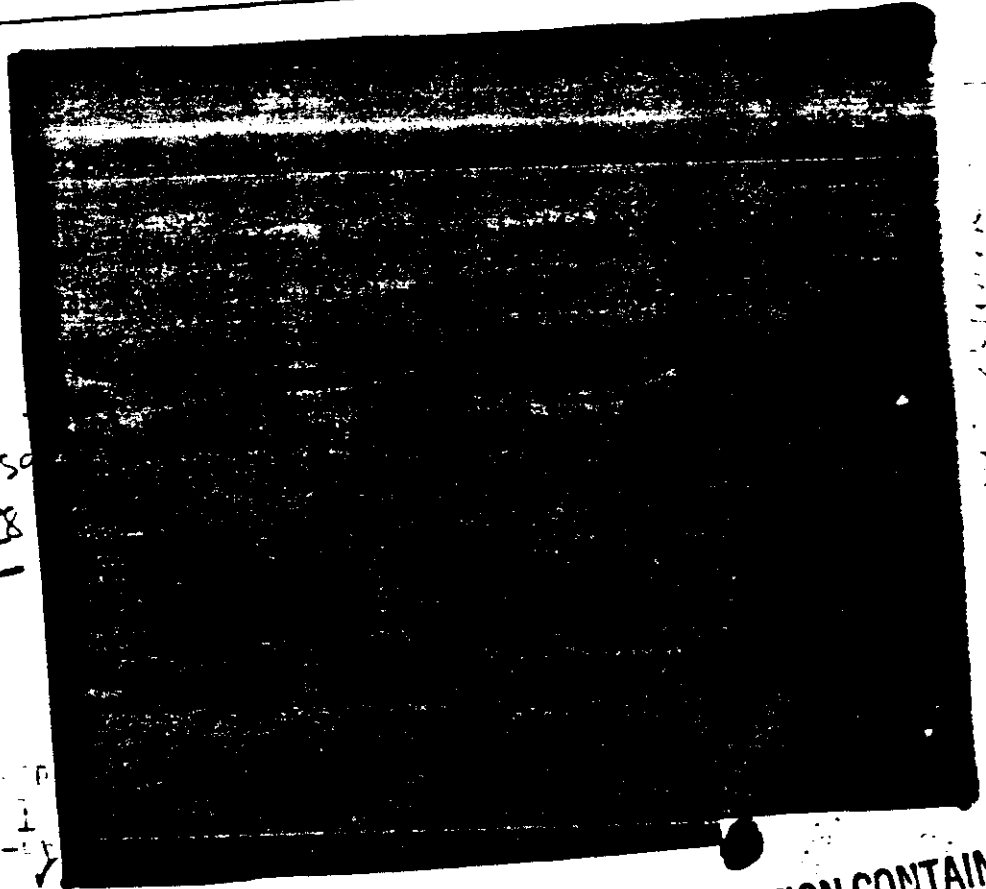
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TITLE [REDACTED] <b>676</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



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stating that when he left the German vessel USALAIA at Buenos Aires, in which he claimed to have been serving as a ship's surgeon, he had been permitted only to bring the khaki uniform he was wearing\* and that with only this clothing he could not brave the rigor of winter in New York. He thought if he could be discharged from the NIGHTINGALE at Panama he would be able to support himself with the wages he had earned (some \$25.00) until he could catch a vessel bound for California where the climate would be milder, and where he had friends who would help him. When asked who the friends were he mentioned the names of Errol Flynn, the actor, and Ernest Hemingway, the author with whom he had gone to Spain to fight in the recent civil war, in that country. Dr. Erben was informed that the Consulate had no authority to induce Captain Parker or the Canal Zone authorities to let him sign off there. He returned to the vessel and sailed north in it when it departed from this port on February 8th.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO**

NY FILE NO. **65-1715**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, NEW YORK</b>	DATE MADE <b>3/18/40</b>	PERIOD <b>2/24, 29/40; 3/1, 4, 5, 6/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>DR. HERMANN FREDERICK ERBEN, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER <b>ESPIONAGE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject arrived New York City 2/20/40 as mess man on the S. S. Nightingale from Antofagasta, Chile, and is presently residing at 64 Hudson Street, Hoboken, New Jersey. Background of subject obtained. On 3/5/40 subject voluntarily called at the New York Division furnishing his account of activities, claiming that he is presently motivated by a desire to maintain his good standing in the eyes of the German government in order that the safety and freedom of his mother and two sons who now reside in Germany may be protected. Denies any espionage activity and explains friendship with various German agencies due to his advertised loyalty to Germany. Claims to be loyal American citizen and presently desirous of obtaining employment as a ship's doctor. *u*

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent *[REDACTED]* New York City, 2/15/40.  
Report of Special Agent *[REDACTED]* Canal Zone, 2/19/40.  
Telegram to New York Office from Washington Field Office, 3/6/40. *u*

**DETAILS:** AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

At the Roa rding Division, Bureau of Immigration, South Ferry, agent examined a copy of the arrival manifest of the S. S. Nightingale of the Grace Line which arrived at New York City on February 20, 1940. According to the record there appears the supplementary

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<b>65-682-40</b> FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION <b>MAR 21 1940</b> U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	<b>MAR 25 1940</b>
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visiting various towns in Paraguay, Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Buenos Aires in the Argentine, and various other places in South America, his work at this time consisting of lectures on various tropical diseases. u

In 1931 he returned to the United States and became a surgeon on the S. S. President Garfield of the Dollar Line. He stated that this was the position in which he took the most pride inasmuch as he held it for a year and a half to December 23, 1932, at which time he was discharged. In explanation of his discharge, he stated that he had become acquainted with one HELEN HASKIN SOUTH, a newspaper woman, who regarded herself as engaged to him and who became very much enraged when he became engaged to someone else as a result of which she informed the Bureau of Narcotics that he was a dope smuggler, and in the resulting investigation, which lasted from 1932 to 1936, he was continually under a cloud of suspicion. u

In the early part of 1933, following his discharge from the President Garfield, Doctor ERBEN stated that he enlisted as a war surgeon in the Chinese Red Cross under promises as to compensation which to him seemed very attractive. He proceeded to Shanghai, China, but on his arrival found that the promises would not be kept and he accordingly ceased his connection with the Chinese Red Cross. u

Hearing of the development of new gold fields in New Guinea, he thought that they offered some possibility to him, and he accordingly proceeded to New Guinea, and there met a man attired in one torn shirt and one torn pair of pants who is the individual who is now known as ERROL FLYNN, the movie actor. He stated that he and ERROL FLYNN burned around together, traveling finally from New Guinea to India, to Abyssinia, and then to Vienna, Austria, arriving in the spring of 1934. In Vienna he spent the next year in postgraduate work at the University of Vienna and at the same time obtained his divorce. u

In 1935, following his completion of postgraduate work, he was appointed surgeon for the Austro-American trans-Asiatic expedition which was backed by the University of Vienna and an automobile association in Vienna, the object of which was to map a route from Burma up through China, and the route so mapped by this expedition ERBEN claimed to be the one presently used by Chiang Kai Shek, Chinese generalissimo, in obtaining his supplies from French Indo-China. u

In 1935, returning from this expedition to India, Doctor ERBEN stated that he was arrested on a revolver charge and fined 300 rupees, which he paid. He explained that the revolver charge was merely a trumped-up matter and that the real difficulty arose out of the narcotic investigation instituted two years before; that

Aboard the S. S. West Mahwah, Doctor ERBEN stated, his troubles began in connection with a call which the ship made at Puerto Rico as a result of which four Puerto Ricans were discovered as stowaways. He stated that the captain of the ship, instead of putting back to port to have the stowaways removed, ordered them tossed overboard to swim ashore, and when it turned out that one of the stowaways had important connections there were violent repercussions in Puerto Rico inasmuch as an election was brewing about that time. As a result of the friction which developed he stated that the captain of the ship made various charges against him and on January 6, 1937, he was discharged from the ship at Rio de Janeiro, returning to the United States via New Orleans where he was not by various narcotic and naval intelligence agents and questioned, finally being released. He stated that also in New Orleans he met Mrs. MALONEY, who was then using the name of Mrs. EDWARDS, she having come to New Orleans for the racing season and the two of them living at the Hotel Jung in New Orleans for several days. u

Doctor ERBEN stated that he evidently had been under observation inasmuch as Mrs. EDWARDS' room was searched immediately after his departure, she being suspected of having in her possession narcotics which he had given her. u

After remaining only a few days in New Orleans, Doctor ERBEN next went to Los Angeles, where he stayed for a few days with ERROL FLYNN. He and FLYNN, becoming bored with lack of activity, then decided to go to Spain and participate in the Spanish Civil War. They first intended to join the forces of General FRANCO, but on reaching England found that they could not make proper connections, whereupon Doctor ERBEN endeavored to make arrangements through Germany, still being unsuccessful, and still desiring to participate in the activities, they thereupon went to Paris and joined the Loyalist forces. Doctor ERBEN stated that this changeover indicated that they had no definite Fascist or Communist leanings in connection with the matter but were merely anxious to participate in the conflict in some capacity. u

Doctor ERBEN stated that he personally did war surgery at an anarchist hospital, explaining that there were two classes of hospitals - anarchist and Communist - in the Loyalist forces. After about four months ERROL FLYNN was subject to falling plaster caused by shell fire, and from the resulting publicity determined to return to the United States, which he did. Doctor ERBEN stated that although FLYNN was not actually injured he did get a bump on the head, and first reports had it that he was killed. u

Doctor ERBEN continued in Spain for about eight months, during which time he became acquainted with such persons as ERNEST HEMINGWAY, ANNA LOUISE STRONG (the Communist writer), DOS PASSOS,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **65-32**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/28/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/9, 26; 3/9, 18/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>DR. HERMANN FREDERICK ERBEN, with aliases.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** State Department reports ERBEN made suspicious contacts Valparaiso, Chile, engaged in considerable photography through Canal Zone. ERBEN'S baggage presently in Customs warehouse, San Francisco, contains small quantity of morphine. Hearing in U. S. District Court, San Francisco, for purpose revocation ERBEN'S naturalization continued to 5/6/40. ERBEN arrested Sept. 1935 Calcutta, India, on charge of possession of revolver and cartridges without license, fined 300 rupees and ordered deported.

**Reference:** Letter from Bureau to Los Angeles 2/9/40 (65-682) report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York City, 2/15/40; Letter from Bureau to New York City office 3/9/40.

**Details:** AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

It was determined from a confidential source whose name is being furnished the Bureau that the subject had several pieces of luggage in the Customs warehouse at San Francisco, which had arrived February 7, 1940, aboard the S. S. GRUNANGER. In the

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luggage were five small paper packages, described as bindles of morphine. In the luggage also was a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings and photographs of ERBEN'S various travels around the world. Most of the data contained therein already appears in the San Francisco file of this case; however, various clippings showed the following criminal record for ERBEN:

In September 1935 he was arrested by the Calcutta, India, Police under Section 19F of the Indian Arms Act on the charge of possession of revolver and cartridges without license. He was sentenced to pay a fine of 300 rupees or three months in jail. He paid the fine and was ordered deported from India.

A clipping from a Barcelona, Spain, newspaper, date not shown, but it would appear to have been published during the period that ERBEN was in Spain with ERROL FLYNN, the motion picture actor, inasmuch as one photograph shows FLYNN and ERBEN at dinner with the Commissar of Propaganda in Barcelona, states that ERBEN is a "militant Communist".

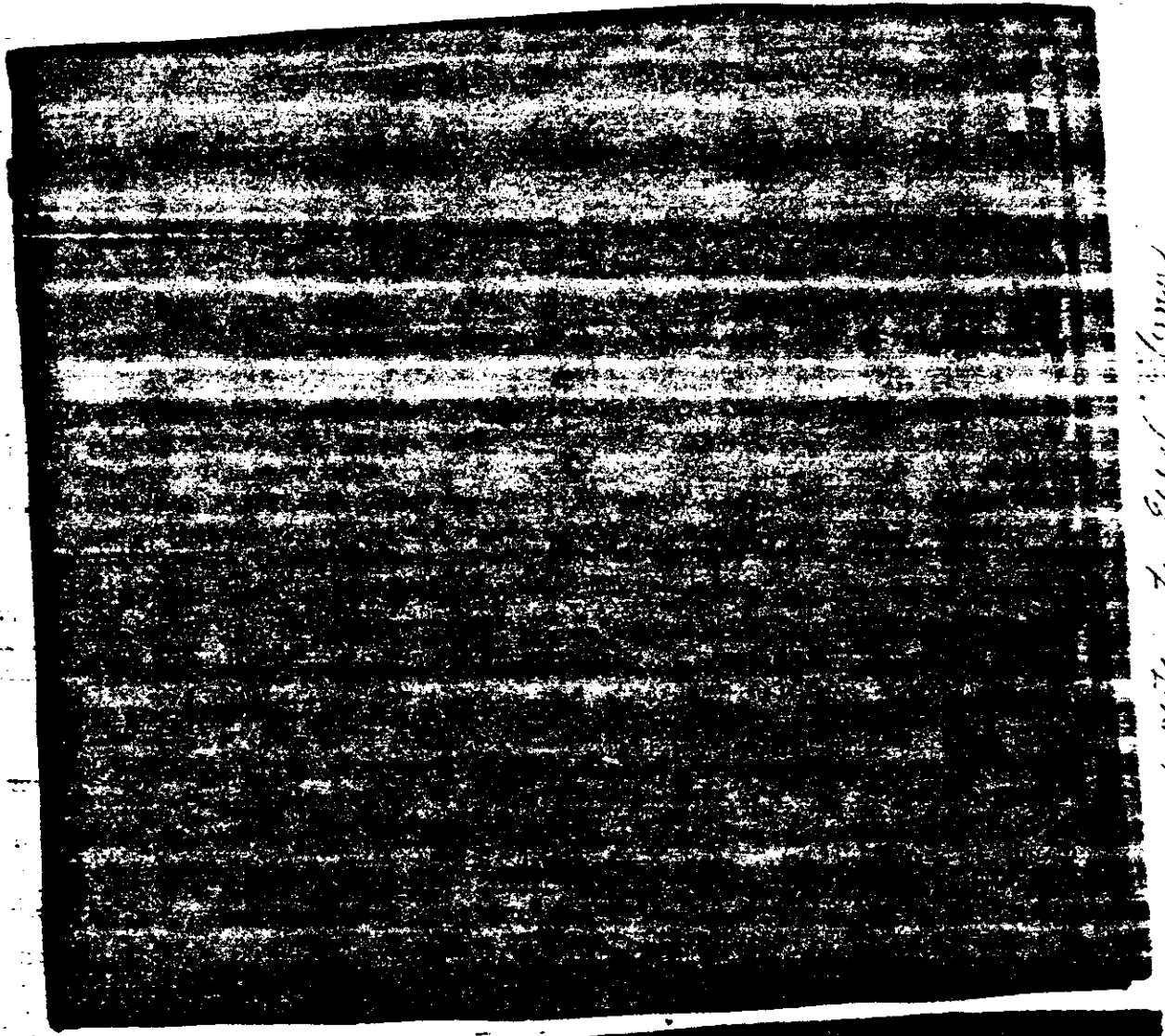
67c ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

CHAUNCEY TRAMUTOLO, attorney at law, 607 Alexander Bldg. stated that he had been representing ERBEN in connection with his hearing for the purpose of revocation of his naturalization. The hearing has been continued to May 6, 1940, in the U. S. District Court at San Francisco before Federal Judge MARTIN I. WELSH. TRAMUTOLO stated that the last letter he received from the subject gave his address as c/o DR. RUDOLPH SCHARF, 850 Park Ave., New York City. According to TRAMUTOLO, ERBEN'S permanent address is DR. HERMANN ERBEN (Marinearzt) Wlen 111 Arenberggring 19, Germany, telephone B55-8-24. u

A confidential informant of the San Francisco office stated that although he had no proof, he believed ERBEN to be a Nazi spy and knew that ERBEN was making it a point to contact prominent doctors of German extraction throughout the United States. u

The State Department has furnished the following information concerning DR. ERBEN:

ERBEN was in the Port of Antofagasta, Chile, enroute from Valparaiso to Callao on the Japanese motor ship HEYO MARU and because of a vacancy in the crew of the S. S. NIGHTINGALE, an American vessel, signed on as a messman. It was determined that ERBEN claimed to have



*was not put in to Errol Flynn*

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When asked who his friends were, he mentioned the name of  
ERROL FLYNN, the actor, and ERNEST HEMINGWAY, the author, with whom he  
had gone to Spain to fight in the Spanish Civil War.

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According to the report received from the Department of State from the American Consul at Antofagasta, Chile, ERBEN'S mother, JOHANA ERBEN, resides at Vienna 3 Arenbergring 19. ERBEN is reported to have two sons in the German Army, now on active duty, who served in the Polish campaign. ERBEN admitted to the Consulate participation in the Spanish Civil War and in the present conflict in China.

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\*AT NEW YORK CITY, will keep in touch with the Bureau of Navigation and Marine Inspection to determine when Subject ERBEN obtains his seamen's papers for departure from the United States.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

\*AT WASHINGTON, D. C., at the Bureau of Narcotics will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain results of investigation purportedly made by the Bureau of Narcotics relative to Doctor ERBEN between 1932 and 1936.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

\*AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF., will tactfully interview ERROL FLYNN relative to the background and activities of DR. ERBEN.

Will endeavor to ascertain from FLYNN the present location of ERNEST HEMINGWAY, whom the subject has named as the other individual to whom he would turn in the United States for assistance.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, will review the records of the U. S. District Court in the case involving revocation of ERBEN'S naturalization and will follow and report court action.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

NY FILE NO. **65-1715**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/10/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/21/40 4/14, 16, 17, 19/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>DR. HERMANN FREDERICK ERBEN with aliases.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <p>Baggage of DR. ERBEN examined at NYC. Photostats obtained of papers of interest in this matter. DR. ERBEN discharged as ship's surgeon SS. "PANAMA" 4/15/40 by reason of general complaints although no evidence of espionage activity on recent trip of SS. "PANAMA". Complaints appeared to have to do with DR. ERBEN'S personality rather than his activities.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 3/18/40 at New York City.</p> <p>Teletype to the Bureau dated March 27, 1940.</p> <p>Letter from San Francisco dated April 11, 1940.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>On March 2, 1940, DR. HERMANN FREDERICK ERBEN called at the New York Division office and advised that he had obtained employment as ship's surgeon aboard the SS. "PANAMA" sailing from New York City March 28, 1940 to Cristobal, Canal Zone, arriving</p>			
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there April 3, and returning to New York on April 13. He stated that he would contact the New York Division upon his return to New York City and information concerning his employment above, was furnished the Bureau by reference teletype. On April 15, 1940, DR. ERBEN again called at the New York Office and advised that he had made the trip on the SS "PANAMA" without incident so far as the trip itself was concerned. He claimed, however, that influences were again at work to deprive him of employment explaining that the day the ship departed from New York City he was called into conference with MR. PFIZER, Vice-President of the line and a MR. ROSBOTTOM, another Vice-President of the line, and vigorously interrogated concerning his references. He explained that he produced for the benefit of Mr. Pfizer and Mr. Rosbottom, letters which had been furnished him by various steamship companies for whom he had been employed and that they appeared mollified to a certain extent and he was permitted to sail. However, on his return to New York City on April 13, after having been permitted to pass the Customs officers, his presence evidently was realized and he was called back and given a vigorous interrogation concerning his activities after which his baggage was searched; there being no items found of interest to the Customs officers he was released with an apology.

Thereafter, on April 15, he was called in to Mr. Pfizer's office at 24 State St., New York City, and informed that there had been complaints received against him and that the line was accordingly compelled to dispense with his services. DR. ERBEN stated that he had, throughout the trip, maintained the utmost effort not to express any opinions or to take sides and even had endured the indignity of taking his meals with a Jewish couple during the trip.

It should be noted that Dr. Erben is extremely anti-Semitic in his views and he considered this a crowning achievement, that he was able to spend several days in the company of this couple without indicating his actual views.

DR. ERBEN, at the same time, also produced a letter dated March 25, 1940 from ERROL FLYNN, 601 North Linden Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, which refers to the interview of FLYNN by Special Agent in Charge Hood of the Los Angeles Division. In this letter ERROL FLYNN expressed sympathy

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toward DR. ERBEN as well as a desire to assist him in any way he could. The letter indicated that Mr. FLYNN had interceded with MRS. ROOSEVELT on her recent trip to the West Coast in an effort to have the Department of Labor drop its pending case involving Dr. Erben's citizenship. u

[redacted] was interviewed by the writer at which time he advised that DR. ERBEN had originally been selected as the ship's surgeon by [redacted]

[redacted] who interviews and passes upon candidates whose names are then recommended to [redacted] for an appointment. [redacted] explained that prior to the ship's sailing he received information from one of the ship's employees that DR. ERBEN had requested him to mail a communication to San Francisco relative to some baggage which Dr. Erben was requesting be forwarded to New York City. This employee advised that he understood that Dr. Erben had been on the SS. "ALTMARK", supply ship for the GRAF SPEE, and accordingly was not the proper person to be ship's surgeon on the Panama Line. u

[redacted] stated that he had communicated with [redacted] office and with one [redacted] who has been associated with [redacted] and who stated that [redacted] had no previous acquaintanceship with Dr. Erben but had recommended him after an interview. [redacted] stated that he thereupon went to the SS. "PANAMA" and interviewed Dr. Erben, saying himself that the sailor's story relative to the ALTMARK had no foundation and he therefore decided to give Dr. Erben a trial as ship's surgeon. However, as a precaution he informed the captain of the SS. "PANAMA" that Dr. Erben had been the object of some preliminary suspicions and that should Dr. Erben's conduct appear in any way suspicious, the Captain should take steps to confine Dr. Erben and see that the interests of line were protected. [redacted] stated that upon the return of the "PANAMA", the Captain reported to him that Dr. Erben's conduct had been entirely satisfactory; that the captain had observed no espionage activity or any suspicious action whatsoever. However, [redacted] following the docking of the ship

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TITLE <b>DR. HERMANN FREDERICK ERBEN, with aliases.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

State Department reports subject and **ERROL FLYNN** visited Valencia, Spain in 1937, FLYNN stating that they were bringing \$1,500,000.00 for Republican Spain collected in Hollywood. Subject's luggage forwarded Pier 65, North River, New York City, contents including motion picture film, two N. S. D. A. P. pins, German Reserve Officer certificate, photostat, German Government certificate of Identity. Trial of proceedings to revoke naturalization continued to 8/8/40.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** San Francisco, California dated 3/28/40; u  
Bureau letter to San Francisco dated 4/29/40 (Bureau file 65-682).

**DETAILS:**

**AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:**

On 3/28/40, 3/31/40 and 4/11/40 Special Agent **[REDACTED]**

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ascertained that subject's luggage, which arrived in San Francisco on 2/7/40, had been forwarded to Pier 65, North River, New York City for subject at the request of **W. R. GRACE AND COMPANY**, San Francisco, Attorney in Fact. Subject's luggage was checked by the Customs Officers, the contents having been listed in San Francisco letter to New York.

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Special Agent in Charge  
San Francisco, California

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Re: DR. HERMANN FREDERICK ERBEN  
ESPIONAGE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
dated New York City, March 18, 1940, in the  
above captioned matter.

You were advised that through the assistance of  
his agent, WALTER HEINER, and his attorney, OSCAR CUMMINS, ERBEN  
FLYNN, motion picture actor, was interviewed at the Warner Bros.  
Studio, Burbank, California, by Special Agent in Charge R. B. HOOD.  
Mr. FLYNN at the outset of the interview, admitted  
being acquainted with DR. ERBEN and regarded him highly. They  
have been acquainted for about ten years and have traveled extensively  
together all over the world. They first met in Guiana. FLYNN  
believes that DR. ERBEN has a very brilliant mind and is an ex-  
cellent physician; that he is the type of person who would do  
everything in his power to make it appear that he was in fact an  
espionage agent. FLYNN was of the opinion that DR. ERBEN has the  
propensity for getting into trouble.

Mr. FLYNN stated that heretofore ERBEN had been  
very much opposed to Nazism and Communism and from what he,  
FLYNN, knows of his background, he does not believe ERBEN would  
now be a devout Nazi. FLYNN informed that he had several letters  
in his possession from ERBEN which he would turn over to Mr. HOOD  
for examination.

As evidence of ERBEN's ability, FLYNN stated he had  
gone to Australia about 1932 or 1934 as the head of an expedition  
for the Rockefeller Institute, where he has seen the doctor work  
twenty-four hours at a stretch entirely without compensation.  
ERBEN recently advised FLYNN of his difficulties with the Immigration  
Bureau as a result thereof FLYNN communicated with Mrs. FRANKLIN  
D. ROOSEVELT in an effort to have her do anything possible for  
ERBEN.

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Subsequent to this interview, FLYNN was again contacted on several occasions in order to secure the letters which he promised. However, they have not been forthcoming, and at the present time it is understood that he is on an extensive tour. No further effort will be made to secure these letters unless so advised by the office of origin.

There being no further investigation in this matter, it is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Yours very truly,

ARTHUR CORNELIUS, JR.  
Special Agent in Charge

cc-Bureau  
cc-New York

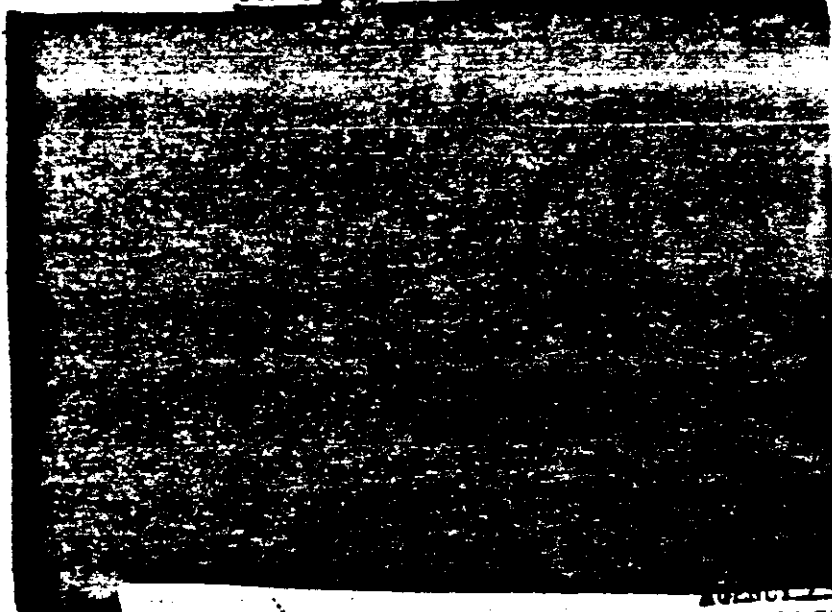
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By letter dated August 26, 1940 the Bureau forwarded information from the State Department originating from Mr. NORMAN ARMOUR, the American Consul at Buenos Aires, South America. In this report it is stated that a member of the staff of the American Embassy at Buenos Aires in a conversation with Mr. ERROL FLYNN verified that DR. ERHEN and MR. FLYNN are close friends. MR. FLYNN stated that he had known DR. ERHEN for about ten years and that they had worked together in Spain during the Spanish civil war. He spoke very highly of ERHEN as a "magnificent physician" who, unfortunately, had a way of getting himself into all sorts of minor difficulties. He stated that the word that most aptly described Dr. ERHEN was "screw-ball". He added that ERHEN had been arrested in India for carrying a pistol and had almost gotten both of them shot in Spain.

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He took a very strong stand with respect to Dr. ERBEN's character and integrity, and stated that ERBEN would be "the last man in the world to work for the Nazis, as he hated them with all his soul". Mr. FLYNN went on to say that he valued Dr. ERBEN's friendship very highly and that he was a man who certainly could be trusted. However, he stated that the doctor's doing the wrong thing at the wrong time had often created a bad impression on those who did not know him very well. As for being a German agent, he stated that Dr. ERBEN would probably make the worst agent in the world for any nation, since "they have the finger on him in every port in the world". By this he explained that he meant that in a great many places Dr. ERBEN had been guilty of some minor infraction of local rules, such as not having the proper papers at the proper time, or saying the wrong thing at the wrong time.

Mr. FLYNN added that he understood that Dr. ERBEN's citizenship had been revoked, and remarked that he had taken the doctor's case up with Mr. HOOD of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Los Angeles and with Mrs. ROOSEVELT, and that Mrs. ROOSEVELT had acted in ERBEN's behalf, but to no avail.

Finally, Mr. FLYNN stated that he sympathized deeply with Dr. ERBEN, since he now was a man without a country, and that he felt that an injustice had been done the man in believing him to be a German agent, but that no one was to blame but Dr. ERBEN himself. As an indication of Dr. ERBEN's lack of responsibility, it may be mentioned that during his stay in Argentina he made a trip to Montevideo at the time of the Admiral Graf Spee incident, despite warnings that his position in Argentina was precarious and he would probably have difficulty in re-entering the country. Upon his return from Montevideo he was imprisoned for want of proper documentation.

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The following information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge H. J. L. PIEPER on August 14, 1940:

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[REDACTED] GREEN told [REDACTED] that ERROL FLYNN had told him he was trying to get Mrs. ROOSEVELT to help him out, but Mrs. ROOSEVELT had refused to help since it was not in her sphere. Whether this is true or just to aid GREEN along, [REDACTED] did not know.

The following information was furnished to Special Agent [REDACTED] on August 19, 1940:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, 7, New York

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May 4, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: DR. HERMANN FREDERICK ERBEN, WAS  
ESPIONAGE-G  
(Bureau File 65-682)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to the New York Field Division dated April 15, 1944, re DR. GIPBIN, ESPIONAGE-J, Bureau file 65-52454. Reference letter enclosed a copy of a letter to the Bureau from the Richmond Field Division which reflected that [REDACTED] had furnished information regarding Dr. IRBIN to the effect that he was interned in the Poo Tung Internment Camp in Shanghai, China, where he appeared to be a stool pigeon for the Japanese and an agent provocateur. [REDACTED] indicated to the Richmond Field Division that [REDACTED] would have further information concerning Dr. IRBIN. Reference letter requested that the New York Field Division interview [REDACTED] and furnish the results of the interview to the Bureau by letter.

Information obtained from [REDACTED] will be subsequently set out in this letter definitely identifies Dr. IRBIN as being identical with DR. HERMANN FREDERICK ERBEN, who is the subject of the above entitled case, in which the San Francisco Field Division is office of origin (San Francisco file 65-31).

[REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] on May 2, 1944, at which time he furnished the following information:



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not refrain from interfering with the crew members' selection of doctors. Dr. ERBEN continually sided with the crew of the S.S. President Harrison as against the desires of the American Association.

Information also reached [redacted] attention to the effect that sometime after Pearl Harbor Dr. ERBEN went to Tientsin, China on an Italian boat. He came back to Shanghai sometime later. [redacted] stated that it does not appear to him that Dr. ERBEN would have been permitted to make this trip unless he was cooperating with the Japanese. [redacted] does not know the purpose of this trip however.

On January 31, 1943 the first group of Americans started being interned at the Poo Tung Internment Camp in Shanghai. On May 2, 1943 Dr. ERBEN was brought into the internment camp escorted by four Japanese "gendarmes."

[redacted]

citizenship [redacted] had the following to say: With regard to Dr. ERBEN'S

ERBEN [redacted] had admitted that the United States District or Circuit Court in San Francisco, California, had denaturalized him in about April, 1941. However, ERBEN claimed that his denaturalization was because of his labor union activities. ERBEN also claimed that his denaturalization was not legal because of technical grounds, these grounds apparently being the fact that ERBEN skipped the country and was not present in court at the time he was denaturalized. [redacted] understands that at the time he was denaturalized there was a warrant out for ERBEN'S arrest and that because of this ERBEN decided to leave the United States. According to the story ERBEN tells he contacted his good friend, ERROL FLYNN, the movie star and FLYNN hid him on his yacht. From FLYNN'S yacht he went to Mexico and from Mexico he went to China.

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Teeth

Separation between front teeth  
on upper jaw

Characteristics

Is knock kneed, wears glasses, and  
was wearing a gray beard in the camp.

Marital Status  
Relatives in U.S.

Believed single  
None known.

It is noted that the subject's description, name, background, alleged friendship with ERROL FLYNN etc. all identify him as being identical with the subject of instant case.

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A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the San Francisco Field Division inasmuch as they are office of origin in this case. It is believed they may desire to interview [REDACTED] or further information. It is also believed they may desire to place a stop notice on the subject's future entry into the United States in the event such has not already been done. Inasmuch as there appears to be no further investigation at this time within the territory covered by the New York Field Division, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours

E. E. CONROY  
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cc-San Francisco

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SAN FRANCISCO

65-31

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN 5/10/44	PERIOD FOR 4/26, 29/44	CHARACTER OF CASE [REDACTED]
TITLE HERMANN FREDERICK ERBEN with alias, Dr. Hermann Frederick Erben			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - C b7c

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation concerning RUDOLF STARF negative.  
Dr. HERMAN FREDERICK ERBEN described as closely associated with leading Gestapo agent in Shanghai. Dr. ERBEN refused repatriation to the United States. u

REFERENCE: Bureau File 35-682.  
Letter from the Bureau dated January 4, 1944.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 4, 1944 at Newark, New Jersey. u b7c

DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Referenced Bureau letter requested that this case be reopened due to the receipt of a report that Dr. HERMAN FREDERICK ERBEN was described as a Japanese "plant" in Shanghai [REDACTED] b7c

*cc LNS*  
*Herman Erben*  
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The letter from the New York office to the Bureau dated February 7, 1944, indicated the completion of investigation by the New York office and set forth a lead for the Newark office to check the German Seamen's Mission, 64 Hudson Street, Hoboken, New Jersey, to determine if Dr. ERBEN had left any of his personal belongings there prior to his departure from the United States in 1940. Referenced report indicates that this investigation was completed at Hoboken, New Jersey, with negative results. u

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On April 17, 1944, Source of Information [redacted] furnished the following information to Special Agent [redacted] b7d b2 b7d

[redacted] advised that subject was first interned at the time of general internment in Shanghai during February or March, 1943, in the Lung Hua Camp, a British camp in Shanghai. The Executive Committee of the American Association requested that ERBEN be interned separately from the crew of the SS PRESIDENT HARRISON, which was sent to the Poon Tung Camp. Despite this, according to [redacted] ERBEN immediately was transferred to the Poon Tung Camp and, according to his advice, was rapidly organizing a dope ring among the PRESIDENT HARRISON crew for operation after the war. u

[redacted] also advised that Dr. ERBEN was closely associated with Dr. ALBERTO MIRONINI, who was generally believed to be the Number One or Number Two man in the Gestapo in Shanghai. u

[redacted] stated that ERBEN registered as an American with the American Association for repatriation. He said that ERBEN presented a United States Seaman's Certificate of Identification in registering but that the Swiss Consul General later ascertained that ERBEN was not an American citizen. [redacted] stated that the Swiss Consul General wrote ERBEN a letter, copies of which were sent to the Japanese Consulate and to the American Association, pointing out that ERBEN knew he was not an American when he registered. He said that in this letter the Swiss requested the Japanese to withdraw ERBEN's American armband, which request was refused. He said also that the American Association requested ERBEN to return the American armband but he also refused them. u

[redacted] advised that ERBEN was originally scheduled for repatriation to the United States on the first announced sailing date of the GRIPSHOLM from Shanghai, on September 9, 1942, but that his true citizenship was ascertained in the meantime and he was denied this repatriation. [redacted] stated that in registering with the American Association ERBEN gave as his only reference in the United States: "ERROL FLYNN, Hollywood, California." u

The New York Field Division advised by letter dated April 1, 1944 of information obtained through Source of Information [redacted] concerning the subject. This information is as follows: u

[redacted] advised that he knew a Dr. ERBEN (first name unknown to him) who resided on Bubbling Well Road in Shanghai, and who was closely associated with a Dr. ALBERTO VON MURINNE (MIRONINI). Information coming to the attention of [redacted] concerning Dr. ERBEN was

that he was a Nazi agent but he could furnish no specific information concerning this Dr. ERBEN's activities in Shanghai or any other information effecting his identity other than he believed Dr. ERBEN is an American citizen. u

In view of the fact that Dr. ERBEN referred to by [redacted] resided on Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, China, and was associated with Dr. MURINNE (MIRONINI), it is believed that the Dr. ERBEN so referred to by [redacted] is identical with the subject in instant case. u

#### AT SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

Source of Information [redacted] had advised that Source of Information [redacted] would be of assistance in furnishing information concerning Dr. ERBEN. [redacted] and Source of Information [redacted] advised that they have known of Dr. ERBEN's activities in Shanghai. They stated that he was definitely tied in with Dr. ALBERTO MIRONINI. According to [redacted] MIRONINI was definitely a member of the German Gestapo, and it was the belief of [redacted] that Dr. ERBEN likewise was a member of the same organization. They explained that these two individuals are very close to each other and that this information was known to the American Consul at Shanghai before the war started. u

[redacted] related how the crew of the PRESIDENT HARRISON, which reached Shanghai after the war started, had been the victim of the activities of these Doctors. Dr. ERBEN had ingratiated himself with the members of the crew through the fact that he could produce seaman's papers. He was also well versed in union activities and had a common understanding with the crew. ERBEN, working with MIRONINI, went to the foreign YMCA where the crew were stopping and arranged for them to go to MIRONINI's office for medical attention. They would not be charged for medical services, but were bilked through the writing of expensive drug store prescriptions. The doctors would then receive a handsome percentage of the prescription price. They also prevailed upon the crew members to bother the American Association and the Swiss Consul in matters of minor importance. u

Dr. ERBEN then attempted to return to the United States as a repatriate, and it is the belief of [redacted] that if he had been successful in doing so he would definitely have been acting in the United States as an agent of the German government. u

ERBEN listed on his repatriation application form his only contact in the United States as being ERROL FLYNN. Both of these sources of information stated that they know of absolutely no other contact of Dr. ERBEN in the United States. u

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SUBJECT: INTERROGATION OF HERMANN FRIEDRICH ERBEN.

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The Political Adviser for German Affairs has the honor to enclose herewith copies of a report on the interrogation of Herman Friedrich (or Herman Frederick) ERBEN, who was repatriated from China in the recent shipment and arrived at internment on October 4, 1947. The interrogation was carried out by intelligence officers at Camp 74, Ludwigsburg.

The Erben interrogation may be of interest to the Department of Justice, notably in respect to the narcotics aspect of Erben's past, and the Mission indicated that while it had no further interest in him his case should be brought to the attention of the OZGUS narcotic bureau before he was released.

A copy of this despatch is also being sent to the U.S. Consular Branch at Berlin, since the matter of Erben's citizenship may again arise in the near future.

Enclosure: Copy of report of Erben's interrogation.

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Industriousburg, Germany  
APO 154, US Army  
12 December 1947

SPECIAL INTERROGATION REPORT

DETAINEE: ERBEN, Herman Frederick

1. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Subject was deported from China and arrived at this Center 4 Oct 1947.

2. PERSONAL DATA AND ACTIVITIES:

15 November 1897: Born in Vienna, Austria.  
1903 - 1907: Attended and graduated from Public School, Vienna.

1907 - 1915: Attended State High School Vienna, graduated with matura.

1915 - 1918: Served with the Austrian Army and was honorably discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant.

1918 - 1921: Attended University Vienna, Medical School.

1923: Received fellowship to study in the United States. While there, he received an immigration visa.

24 March 1924: Subject filed a Declaration of Intention in the court of Morristown, N.J., to become an American citizen, and received his first papers.

1926: Subject went back to Austria and graduated with a degree as Medical Doctor. One month later, (August 1926), he returned to the United States, passed the New York Civil Service Examination, and was assigned as a medical doctor to Wards Island State Hospital.

1927: Subject was licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Louisiana.

1928: After having passed the examination for the state of Washington, subject was also licensed there.

1929: Subject was commissioned by the Australian Government, Department of Aborigines, to lead a scientific expedition into the Peninsula of York, Northern Queensland, Australia.

1930: Upon his return from Australia, subject took his third state Board Examination in Sacramento, California, and received his third license from the State of California.

Subject took the Oath of Allegiance in the U.S. District Court of San Francisco and became a naturalized American citizen. In the same year, he was assigned by Dr. A. C. REED to South America, representing the Pacific Institute of Tropical Medicine of the University of California in Berkeley.

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1931: After he returned from South America, subject entered the service of the "Dollar Line" as ship's doctor. He served under Captain Gregory CULLEN, Lt. Comm., U.S.N.R., on the SS President Garfield on "Round the World" service.

1932: Subject left the "Dollar Line" and went via the Far East to New Guinea on another scientific expedition, which was financed by himself. On this trip he met the film star ERROL FLYNN and became a very close friend of same.

1933: Subject returned from New Guinea to Europe and took up post-graduate work at his old school in Vienna.

1934: Subject accompanied as medical officer the Austro-American Transasiatic expedition. In this capacity he went by automobile from Palestine, Transjordan, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, India and finally via Burma and Indo-China to Peking.

1935: Subject returned from Calcutta, India to New York.

1936: ERBEN practiced medicine in Danville, N.J., and received his fourth medical license, this time from the State of New York. Towards the end of the year he took another trip to South America as ship's surgeon.

1937: He returned from South America and in the same year he and his friend Errol FLYNN embarked in New York for London and went via Paris to Spain. Being in London subject volunteered with a British ambulance unit, which was committed for the loyalists in Spain. Errol FLYNN also went as journalist and unofficial observer to Spain. After 20 days in Spain, subject went to Vienna and from there to Canton, China.

1937: In Vienna, subject received a Red Cross appointment, this time from the Chinese Red Cross. As leader of a group of ten medical doctors, subject embarked in Trieste for Shanghai. This group supposedly had to take over the British Military Hospital in Nanking. Since Nanking had fallen before subject arrived, he was forced to find his way back to the United States. Chiang-Kai-shek's government disregarding the contracts, and he returned to America as ship's surgeon on the liner "Triton", arriving via Japan and Panama in New York in spring 1938.

1938: During his stay in San Pedro, U.S. immigration authorities, (Inspector DAVIS) ordered ERBEN to surrender his naturalization certificate, because the government "wanted to check up something". Subject claims that he surrendered his certificate and did not know the reason and his constitutional rights.

It is assumed by the undersigned that the order to surrender his naturalization papers was for the following:

This office received a letter from Mr. Robert L. HERRY (Chief Public Safety Branch) in which subject is charged with activities in narcotic traffic. The same letter mentions that a Dr. ERBEN is an internationally wanted person. A copy of the letter will be attached to this report.

1938: Since his naturalization papers were taken away from him, subject returned on the "Margaret Johnson" once more to Europe.

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1939: EREBEN made a trip as surgeon on board the German ship SS "Ussukuma" around Africa, and also served as ship's surgeon on the SS "Westerland" on the Antwerp-New York run.

Subject claims that he realized that war was more than likely and attempted to smuggle his two boys who were of military age out of Germany. He states that he would have been able to accomplish the task since he had an assignment on the German ship SS "Ussukuma" on the "Around Africa" run. His two sons remained in Germany. The outbreak of the war in September 1939 found EREBEN in south African waters. The boat to which he was assigned to as ship's surgeon had left Lourenco Marques in Portuguese East Africa and ran the blockade under orders by the German admiralty to act as a supply ship for the famous German ship "Graf Spee" to Argentina. Off the coast of Bahia Blanca (Coast of Argentina) the "Ussukuma" was sunk by the British cruiser "Exeter". Two crew members, so EREBEN claims, were American citizens, Helmut SCHUETZE from Hamburg and himself. (EREBEN still did not know whether he actually lost his citizenship). Both of them contacted U.S. authorities in Buenos Aires. Thus an American citizen, EREBEN was not interned as a sailor by the Argentine Government, and was immediately released. He received from the U.S. Consulate in Buenos Aires an American passport (no. 272) and returned to America. EREBEN claims and states that he wanted to show his loyalty as an American citizen and by the first chance he received, he took 100 photographs of the hits which the "Graf Spee" had received and suffered during the battle of Montevideo. He states that he gave the films to Consul Mr. ENGLISH who forwarded the films to the U.S. Naval Intelligence. EREBEN also surrendered to Mr. ENGLISH and Consul Mr. WILSON a detailed log of the blockade running, the type of camouflage used by the SS "Ussukuma" which he handed over to U.S. naval authorities.

After he had given all available naval intelligence about German shipping in the La Plata to U.S. naval authorities, EREBEN crossed via the Andes into Chile to investigate German shipping which had taken refuge in great numbers in Chilean ports. EREBEN further claims that he investigated the German training ship for cadets, "Priva", which was anchored in Valparaiso, and reported results to the local U.S. consulate.

1940: Subject sailed as a crew member of the SS "Nightingale" via west coast ports and Panama for New York, where he arrived at the end of February 1940. In New York he got in touch with U.S. naval authorities and handed to Commander Downer, Third U.S. Naval District, films of interned German ships he had taken. He also surrendered the pictures of the "Graf Spee", and made a detailed report about the naval intelligence he had been able to collect by personal contacts with the crews of interned German ships in west coast ports of South American on his way from Valparaiso to New York. He also contacted FBI authorities and during his entire stay in New York, from February 1940 on, until he left for the West coast in August 1940, he remained in close contact with the FBI. The person who received intelligence reports about "Bund" and "German Information Bureau" activities was a Mr. LANGILL from the FBI. He claims that he furnished American authorities photographs of meetings of the "Bund", the celebration of the visit of the Duke of Saxony at 80th Street, and original Nazi documents.

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During March and April, subject served as ship's surgeon on the American ship "Panama" making one trip through the Canal Zone. Upon his return, subject's appointment as full time contract surgeon for C.C.C. camp duty in the IV Corps area had come through. Subject left the Panama line and went under orders to Ft. Moultrie, S.C., for training. After completion he was assigned to Selring, Fla., for active duty.

Subject states that his pending citizenship trial made his remaining as surgeon for the U.S. Government impossible. His contract with the C.C.C. was discontinued by Washington.

Subject went on trial before Judge WELSH in the U.S. District Court in San Francisco; Mr. Louis MERCADO acted as District Attorney and Mr. TRAMUTOLO acted as subject's Defense Counsel. The charge, so subject claims, was that his naturalization should be set aside as illegal, inasmuch as he had not met the requirements for naturalization.

1. Subject had not resided actually continuously for five years prior to naturalization in the U.S., but had interrupted his residence for more than 6 months at a time.
2. Subject had not resided for 6 months in the county from where he had file his Application for Naturalization, namely, San Francisco County.

Subject states that he waited for 2 1/2 months for the decision of the Court. Since there was the danger, at least theoretically, that the U.S. might enter the war, in the case of losing his citizenship, subject might face arrest as an enemy alien. To escape the consequences and to avoid possible deportation or internment, subject crossed into Mexico. Subject further claims that his public trial in San Francisco, his stories about "Graf Spee", put the German intelligence on his trail in Mexico City. He was called to a meeting with German Consul General BARON WILHELM-BERG. After various talks referring to his unjust trial in San Francisco and Hitler's theory that "after all blood was thicker than ink", subject was offered a job as German intelligence agent.

SUBJECT ACCEPTED THE JOB AS GERMAN INTELLIGENCE AGENT

1. Subject claims that he accepted the proposition to become a German intelligence agent, fully conscious of the fact that at the present, he was still an American citizen, and thus subject to the penalty of high treason.
2. ERBEN admits that he was not forced or coerced to accept the job.
3. Subject states that he accepted the job on his own free will, and did not intend to construct or claim any authorization from any of the U.S. government agencies with whom he had previous contact.
4. The reason why subject accepted to become a German intelligence agent, so he claims,

was because

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was because it gave him a unique chance to do some intelligence work for the United States. What he had done so far was only what he observed from the outside; now he had a chance to work from the inside. He also states that he wanted to show his loyalty to American, and retain or regain his U.S. citizenship, which as far as at that time, January 1941, was still undecided. Subject stated to the interrogator that he was aware of the danger to become a self-styled, free-lance American agent by posing as a German agent.

Having agreed to become a German agent, subject was given a false German passport under the name of Alois ECKERT, musician, and so was in possession of two passports, the old American seaman's identification certificate and the above mentioned false German passport.

February 1941: Subject was directed by order of Baron WALLENBERG, German Consul General in Mexico, to proceed to Japan because of his previous experience and knowledge in the Far East. In Tokyo, subject was received by the German Naval Attache Admiral WENNEKER and Lt. Cmdr. HELLSTEDT. From Tokyo, subject proceeded for active duty as a German intelligence agent to Shanghai, and was finally attached to the staff of Lt. Cmdr. Louis Theodor SIEFKEN, head of the Abwehr in China.

SUBJECT STARTED WORKING AS A GERMAN INTELLIGENCE AGENT FOR THE ABWEHR IN CHINA

It should be noted that at the time subject was working for the German Intelligence Service, he was still in possession of an American passport and his citizenship was still pending in the states. Subject also had a German passport, and so was protected in two ways.

His job was to collect information about Allied shipping, cargo, route of ships, personnel, etc.

Subject was ordered by the German intelligence to pose only as an American citizen, and as a communist. The reason why he had to pose as an American communist could not be obtained from subject. As one reason he states that, as a communist, the American crews would not assume that he was working for the German intelligence. As above mentioned subject went on each boat which arrived in Shanghai, invited the crews to go with him to dances and have a good time. On such occasions he tried to employ crew members for the German intelligence. He states that he was ordered to confuse and make propaganda against the United States which was likely to enter the war. Further he claims, that, to the best of his knowledge, no American crew members were ever in the pay of the German intelligence service.

June 1942: subject's next assignment came in June 1942 when Mr. SIEFKEN (head of the Abwehr), intending to smuggle BRENN as an American repatriate on the SS "Conte Verde" to span a listening post for the Navy in Portuguese East Africa. He was trained in code work and the use of secret ink and given cover addresses in Lisboa, where he was supposed to send his reports. Subject states that

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SIEFKEN's plan did not succeed because subject did not dare to approach American consular authorities in Shanghai to engineer his repatriation.

1943: Since all plans failed, it is assumed by the interrogator that SIEFKEN did not want anything to do with ERBEN, and so ERBEN was interned by the Japanese. First he was sent to Long-wha and after a short stretch in the notorious Bridge House of the Japanese Kampeitai, he was transferred to Pootung camp, where he remained until his liberation by American troops.

1945: In 1945 subject was employed as a civilian employee of the U.S. Army, 12th Malaria Control Detachment in Kiangwan Airport. At this time he was arrested by the Provost Marshal and lodged in the American Section of Ward R.V. Jail in Shanghai.

Subject states that no charges were read to him, but the official release in the local papers stated that he had been arrested under the suspicion of high treason and war crimes committed by ERBEN. Subject made the following statement to the investigating officers and repeated the same statement to this interrogator:

"I want to be tried as an American citizen for whatever acts I have committed. Even if the technicality of the cancellation of my American citizenship in spring 1941 should have made me from this very moment on stateless and thus a charge of high treason impossible, I want to be tried as an American citizen.

"I accepted the offer to do German intelligence work actually in January 1941 in Mexico City, at a time when I still enjoyed American citizenship. But since I was not notified of the cancellation of my citizenship until 26 January 1943, although I had registered my arrival in Shanghai at the American Consulate in March 1941, and later on registered with the Swiss Consulate for repatriation, I was fully entitled to consider myself an American citizen until January 1943. I can prove this fact by the papers issued to me for repatriation by the Swiss Consulate, stating that I was an American citizen, given to me on 8 December 1942. I have, therefore, on my own responsibility and considering myself an American citizen, served before and after 8 December 1941 (that means in times of war between America and Germany) as a German intelligence agent. I do not intend to claim or construct any authorization for such work from any of the U.S. government agencies I had previous dealings with. I also was in no way forced by German authorities to work for them. What I did I considered a unique chance to prove my loyalty to the American flag, whereby I hoped to retain or, if need be, regain my U.S. citizenship. For my acts I alone am responsible and I intend to take full responsibility without reservation."

January 1946: Subject states that he was unconditionally released by the U.S. Army. After his release he was notified by Colonel O'CONNOR that Captain Frank T. FARRELL wanted to see subject at his office, 208 RTE. Ferguson, House 8. Captain FARRELL who was at that time leading the American Investigation Team with headquarters in Shanghai, Judge Advocate General's Office, and was also considered to be a member of O.S.S., asked ERBEN, if he still felt

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loyal to America, and if he would care to assist his mission. ERBEN agreed and was assigned to duty in January 1946. His rank on the payroll was: Civilian Employee United States Army, and his monthly salary started with \$90.00. Subject states that his work with Captain FARRELL is recorded in the government files of the Judge Advocate in Shanghai, and consisted mainly in collecting and interpreting evidence for the War Crimes Trial of the 28 defendants, known as the EHRHARDT espionage ring. During the trial he was the main prosecution witness. After the EHRHARDT trial, in February 1947, subject continued to work for Captain FARRELL until his return to America.

Prior to Captain FARRELL's departure, he handed subject over to Colonel Amos D. MOSCRIP Jr. who was continuing FARRELL's work in Shanghai.

Subject worked continuously as an American agent for Colonel MOSCRIP in the same capacity as he had worked for Captain FARRELL. ERBEN started under Colonel MOSCRIP at \$160.00 per month and was raised after 2 months, in May 1947, to \$200.00 per month. Subject further states that he was on active duty under Colonel MOSCRIP's command until 1 September 1947, the day of his arrest by Chinese authorities, and he has not been notified by his Officer-in-Charge to the contrary. His last order, dated 4 September 1947, and sent by cable to subject when he was on board the U.S.A.T. "General Black", read as follows:

"SIGNAL CORPS UNITED STATES ARMY

Received at 2100 z 04 September. Zm Shanghai, China RC NHL Shanghai, KNJ CK 30 September 3, 1420.

Colonel Plumpkin for Hermann Erben, General Black, XSG.

Request you send me your address in Germany immediately upon arrival so that I can make suitable arrangements for you stop regret unable to see you just before sailing.

Colonel Moscrip."

3. COMMENTS:

1. It would appear that ERBEN's employment by US forces in China was terminated by his repatriation to Germany, since this office has received no advice concerning his handling or disposition.

2. ERBEN is being held until clearance for his release is received from higher headquarters.

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## German Agent Tells of Spy Ring in China

Shanghai, Oct. 3 (U.P.).—Herman Frederick Erben, Vienna-born physician who was a naturalized American until his citizenship was revoked in 1941, today admitted he was a German spy in China during the war.

Erben testified for the prosecution in the trial of 27 alleged members of Bureau Erhardt, German espionage agency which American authorities contend supplied the Japanese with military information long after the German surrender.

Erben boasted that he used to accompany movie star Errol Flynn on trips aboard the actor's yacht. He said he became a German spy in Mexico City early in 1941, and later was sent to Shanghai to get information on American ship movements.

Still later, he said he was instructed to seek out the "underground railway" by which Americans, British and other Allied nationals escaped from Shanghai to free China.

Asked if he did not consider his activities traitorous, he denied the allegation, saying "I worked in a capacity that I can fully justify to authorities who know the score."

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## German Agent Tells of Spy Ring in China

Shanghai, Oct. 2 (AP)—German  
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Eichen testified for the government  
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Still later he said he was  
permitted to see the American  
ground ceiling by a German  
agent, which was a very  
large group of people.

Asked if he was not a member  
of the German espionage agency, he  
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## Dr. Erben's Citizenship Is Revoked

By David Low  
SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 30—Dr. Herman Frederick Erben, 43, medical officer of the scuttled Graf Spee's supply ship and a shadowy international figure for 20 years, today was in danger of deportation.

Federal Judge Martin J. Welch yesterday revoked his American citizenship because he had not resided in the United States for five years or in San Francisco for six months before he filed his petition for naturalization Aug. 1, 1932.

The Justice Department with instigates deportation proceedings, if it considers him an undesirable alien, since it is possible Austria will not accept him. He is a native of Vienna.

An authority on tropical diseases, he came to the United States in 1924 on an invitation from the Rockefeller Foundation.

He has been reported "killed" on numerous occasions since he came to Spain. He was "killed" in the World War while serving with the Austrian army. He was "killed" again in California in 1928, and the report was so convincing the State Department denied him a visa to go to Ethiopia with a French Red Cross unit. Nevertheless, he served in a Madrid hospital during the Spanish civil war and was in Barcelona with Adolf Hitler's army.

## Dr. Erben's Citizenship Is Revoked

SACRAMENTO, CALIF., Jan. 29.—Dr. Herman Frederick Erben, 42, medical officer of the staffed Carl Spry's supply ship and a the day in national citizenship, today was in district of the nation.

Erben, 42, was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1911. He became a citizen in 1914. Under Section 14, first year, of the Federal Naturalization Act, he lost his citizenship for naturalization on Aug. 1, 1930.

The Justice Department will immediately revoke citizenship from a consular officer, unless it is possible to accept him. He is a native of Vienna.

An apparently unimpaired doctor, he came to the United States in 1914 on an invitation from the Rockefeller Foundation.

He has been reported killed on the ground of a plane crash in the World War when serving with the Austrian army. He was taken home in California in 1920, and the report was so convincing the State Department ordered him to go to Europe with a French Red Cross unit. Near there he was killed in a Spanish battle during the Spanish civil war and was in Barcelona with the Spanish forces.

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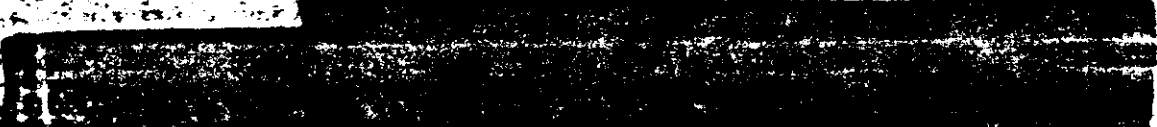
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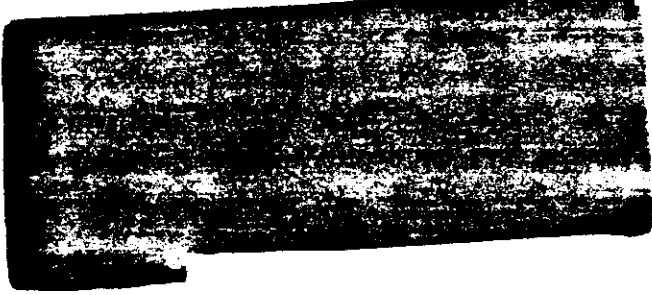
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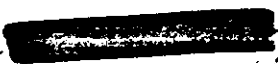
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[REDACTED] that during the previous week the  
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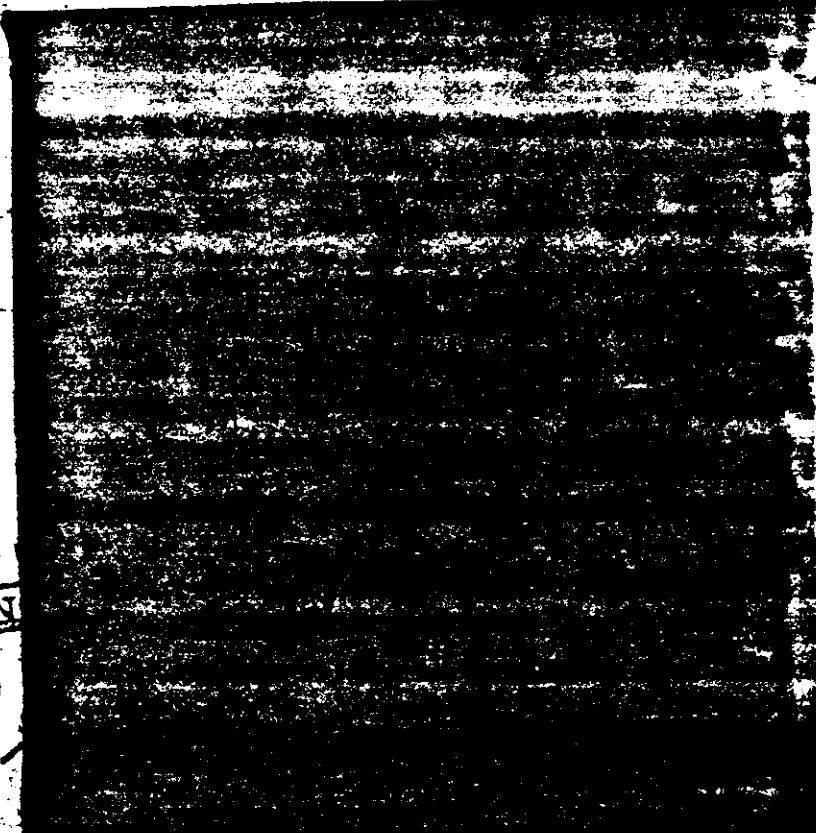
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[REDACTED] advised reporting agent on December 3, 1942, that the last he had heard of subject was about three weeks ago when she attended a party given in the home of FRED MCAVOY. MCAVOY is well known to the Los Angeles office, he being a play-boy of Australian citizenship who has been the subject of a separate investigation. Except for his associates who have previously been reported as being of a suspicious character, no information has been developed indicating that he is engaged in subversive activity. He is a great friend of ERROL FLYNN, the actor. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] attended alone, which typifies the type of a girl she is.

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Informant further advised that on one occasion [REDACTED] sent her butler to [REDACTED] in Hollywood for a party. It was informant's information that [REDACTED]'s butler had insulted another man at FLYNN's party and that a brawl ensued. Informant advised that she had heard in New York that the brawl had a patriotic angle to it but that she is not familiar with the background of that incident. [REDACTED] was said to have appeared in court to have testified for her butler, and to have put up enormous bail to free him.

[REDACTED]

*Info does not pertain to Errol Flynn*

23 February 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, SMI BRANCH, CIB, HIS, LEADERS SECTION, ROOM 2200,  
PENTAGON BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Attention: Major E. V. Middle.

1. We have received some information from the District Office  
at Seattle, Washington, relative to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and we are forwarding it to you as of  
possible interest, if it is not already contained in your files.

2. [REDACTED] indicates he is trying to secure  
his release from the Army. After requesting Errol FLYNN to press  
his studies in the matter, SUBJECT cabled Frederick MAC EVOY to press  
"Errol". Frederick MC EVOY reported a panicker and friend of a Nazi  
suspect, has invited SUBJECT to spend his furlough with him at 6848 Sunset  
Boulevard, Hollywood."

[REDACTED]

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J. P. Walcott

Acting Chief, Technical Operations

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Information put into only to  
this party - no mention of Errol Flynn.

W.H.M.  
65-51318

SAC, Anchorage

December 6, 1944

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

(Anchorage file [redacted])

(New York file [redacted])

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 25, 1944, at Anchorage, Alaska, which report reflects the results of an interview had with Subject [redacted]

It would appear from the above statement that [redacted] made some false statements during the course of the interview and is instructing McVay to collaborate with him to establish the truthfulness of his statements. You are therefore instructed to determine why [redacted] should be interested in making the above statement and having it verified by McVay. This may be done either by direct interview with [redacted] at Anchorage, Alaska, where he is believed to be now assigned, or by having the military authorities ascertain from him why this statement was made.

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5 -SI-11774. Same sender to Mr. Errol Flynn, Mulholland Farm, Mulholland Highway 7740, Hollywood, California, May 17, 1944. Writer states that a New York aircraft company is attempting to gain his release from the Army.

6 -SI-12436. Same sender to same addressee at 8268 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, 46, California, November 1, 1944. Writer asks addressee to substantiate sender's apparent misrepresentation of facts to "some official quote" regarding his being a partner and financial contributor to "C.F.A." (C.F.A. may be Comite France-L'Amerique a patriotic society established in 1909 to encourage friendliness towards France in the Western Hemisphere).

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COMMENT  
MEMBER OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AS EVIDENCED TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS ALLEGED  
MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS TO "HOME OFFICIALS"

In a friendly letter discussing mutual friends writer states:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

EXAMINER'S NOTES: [REDACTED]

SE-11752. Same sender to [REDACTED] writer inquires about business reputation and reliability of mutual acquaintance named [REDACTED] who has asked writer to do some business with him.

SE-11774. Same sender to Mr. Errol Flynn, Mulholland Farm, Mulholland Highway 7743, Hollywood, California, May 17, 1944. Writer states that a New York aircraft company is attempting to gain his release from the Army.

SE-11753. Same sender to [REDACTED] writer states that "technical difficulties" may complicate his obtaining his discharge from the Army.

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ON 6-17-83

AMERICAN FILM ACTOR REPORTED ASSOCIATING WITH GERMAN  
AGENT IN MEXICO

Writer, after telling of three weeks spent in Acapulco, and asking if addressee wants to see the Acapulco pictures, adds, "Error Flynn came up to the hotel for drinks a couple of evenings bringing his girl along -- Wanda Kruger (Gs 4601, 4929, 5743, 6418) leading German spy here, arranged the date for him since she can't visit ports, under Mexican law."

EXAMINER'S NOTE: [redacted] is reported to be a HANCOCK agent in Mexico. To associate of hers, [redacted] another Nazi suspect, gave Errol Flynn and Frederick J. [redacted] as references while spending some time in California.

[redacted] Amsterdam 182, Mexico, D.F. on Dec. 1  
 sent [redacted] Madison Hotel, New York City, a newspaper clipping  
 telling of an interview with Errol Flynn, who was at a night club  
 with Hilda Krueger, in which he said he was going to Acapulco with  
 his friend Fred McVoy for a vacation.

Enclosures: 1 sheet for SSO.

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United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California  
September 3, 1943

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Mr. Carson  
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Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. C. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]

Director, FBI

RE: WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SURVEY  
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of August 6, 1943, in connection with the above-entitled matter, requesting to be advised of the plans of this office for increased activities in the enforcement of the White Slave Traffic Act in this area.

In this respect, I wish to advise that in the immediate future the activities of [redacted] and [redacted] two of the more prominent madams in the Hollywood area, will be subjected to a very close investigation in order to determine if they are engaged in violations of the White Slave Traffic Act.

Plans have also been formulated to cover the activities of [redacted] intimate associate of [redacted] and [redacted] is presently in the East because of a death in his family. He is notorious here in his associations with [redacted] and has the reputation of being a procurer for both [redacted] and [redacted]. Through these investigations, it is expected that definite information will be developed which will ultimately lead to convictions for violations of this act.

At the present time, there is an investigation going on into the activities of [redacted] and ERIC FLINN, motion picture actors. These matters are receiving close attention and it is expected that within the next ten days the [redacted] matter will be quite fully developed. Inquiries are presently being made by the Bureau in Mexico in connection with the FLINN matter.

These matters will be followed closely by me and attention will be given to developing additional facts of interest for violations of this type.



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Very truly yours,  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Director, FBI

DATE May 25, 1945

FROM SAC, Los Angeles

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SUBJECT

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

There are being forwarded under separate cover the following described

items:



1 photograph reported to be PAUL GARDNER, principal in the ERROL FLYNN (motion picture actor) statutory rape case, which is well known to the Bureau.



Info does not pertain to Errol Flynn

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (92-2781)  
FROM : Legal Attache, Havana (92-1)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED]

DATE: April 29, 1959

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Re Havana letter dated January 23, 1959, captioned as above, and Havana letter February 19, 1959, captioned MEETING OF HOODLUMS, APALACHIN, NEW YORK, 11/14/57, A-R.

After the overthrow of the Batista Government on January 1, 1959, all gambling casinos in Havana were closed until February 19, 1959, on which date they received permission to reopen.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On February 16, 1959, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that FIDEL CASTRO had asked [REDACTED] movie actor, to suggest someone who might be able to take over the Sans Souci gambling casino. FLYNN reportedly sent a telegram to an individual named [REDACTED] P. O. Box [REDACTED] Washington, telephone [REDACTED]. Source said that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] according to source, came to Havana and had the backing of some wealthy individuals in Marysville, as well as another unidentified group in Chicago, Illinois.

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## Office Memorandum

**TO**

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 26, 1959

FROM

SIC, SERIAL

**SUBJECT:**

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Unless advised to the contrary [REDACTED] will be investigated under the Top Hoodlum Program.

Washington, telephone [redacted] has been reported by confidential informant in [redacted] to be negotiating with [redacted] in efforts to purchase the Sana Souci Night Club. According to these sources FIDEL CASTRO had asked ERROL FLYNN, movie actor, to suggest someone who might be able to take over the Sana Souci gambling casino. These sources report FLYNN sent a telegram to [redacted] Washington, telephone [redacted] which was verified as identical to the phone [redacted] of the [redacted] individual.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

April 23, 1959

Director, FBI

Legat, Havana (105-548)

SUBJECT:

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DATE OF REVIEW 6-24-80Reference New York airtel to the Bureau dated  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>[REDACTED]</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED]</b>	
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REFERENCE:

New York airtel to Bureau, 6/26/59

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Office: NEW YORK

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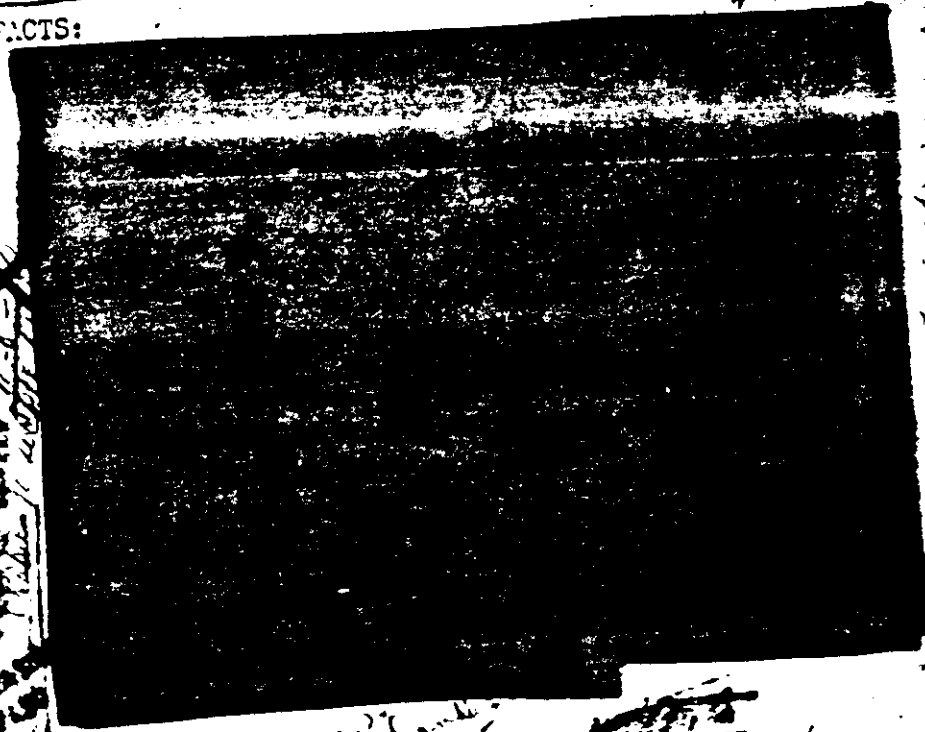
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<b>HOLLYWOOD ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE FOR DEFENSE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY,</b> Commonly known as Hollywood Anti-Nazi League and its successor, Hollywood League for Generative Action.			<b>67c</b> REGISTRATION ACT - R

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



*Info does not pertain to Enrol Flynn*

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A great deal has been said about Communist activities in the movie industry. Allegations have been made by various individuals that certain prominent people in the motion picture industry are Communists or fellow travelers. It is believed that the Bureau's analysis of the Communist situation in Hollywood is well stated, and for that reason there is being set out hereafter the information contained on pages 27 and 28 of the "Quarterly Summary of National Defense Investigations", issued on November 15, 1940. This information is set out under the title, "Communist Activities in the Motion Picture Industry".

"During the past five years there have been numerous allegations concerning Communist activities in Hollywood. It is alleged that one of the best sources of income to the Communist Party is in the form of contributions either directly to the Party, or to Communist Party front organizations, of the luminaries of Hollywood. While none of this information has been proved, the allegations are too numerous to be dismissed as fiction."

"In 1937 the Party sought to raise \$30,000 for its newspaper, the Western Worker, and it was then disclosed that the principal part of this sum had been constituted by members of the movie colony. It may be explained that many persons associated with the movie industry are strongly anti-Fascist in sympathy, and some have become over-zealous in working for the anti-Fascist cause. There is no doubt but what large contributions have been made to fight Fascism. It is equally understandable that funds so donated have become diverted to Communist channels by Communist Party members in charge of anti-Fascist front groups."

"The following persons have been alleged to be either Party members or Party sympathizers:

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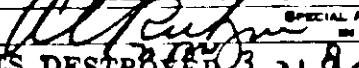
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TITLE <b>EMERGENCY CONFERENCE TO SAVE SPANISH REFUGEES</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (R)</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> No record subject organization New Orleans Retail Credit Bureau nor is it listed in New Orleans city or telephone directory. Check of index fails to disclose previous information and [REDACTED] had no information. [REDACTED] advised subject organization has ceased to exist and that it operated out of New York, at which time <u>HILL LAWRENCE</u> was head of it and that they had respectable sponsors, such as <u>ERNEST HEMINGWAY</u> and <u>ERROL FLYNN</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENC</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">b7D</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Teletype from Bureau to all field offices dated Dec. 19, 1940.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The writer was assisted in this investigation by Special Agent [REDACTED] b7C</p> <p>Subject organization is not listed in the 1940 New Orleans city directory or in the December, 1940 New Orleans telephone directory. The New Orleans Retail Credit Bureau advised they have no record for subject organization, and [REDACTED] stated he has no information in his files. A check of the New Orleans field office index records and a review of pertinent files failed to disclose any information.</p> <p>[REDACTED] advised subject organization had ceased to exist and that it did operate out of New York, at which time <u>HILL LAWRENCE</u> was the head of it. [REDACTED] further stated that subject organization had respectable sponsors, such as <u>ERNEST HEMINGWAY</u> and <u>ERROL FLYNN</u>, who gave the organization a very good front.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN</b></p>			

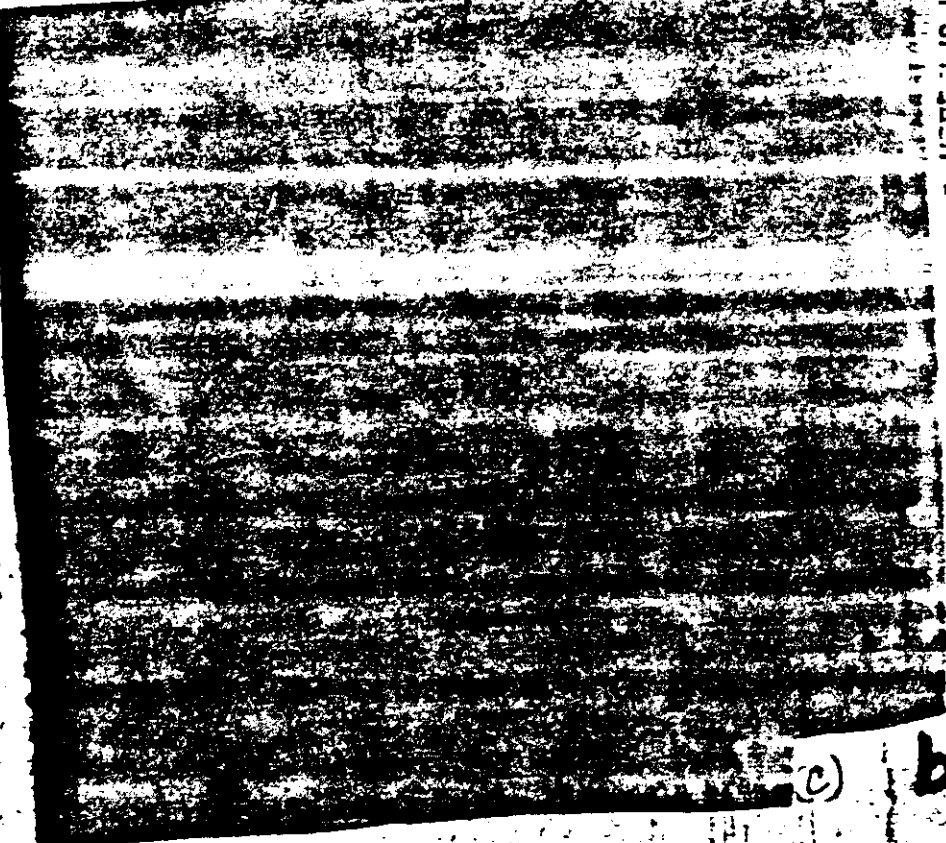
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This Case Originated At Report made At Milwaukee	Date when Made 5/19/41	Period 2/3 to 2/12/41 and 4/28 to 5/1	Report made by [Redacted]
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 11, 1949

FROM : SAC, Miami

Attention FBI Laboratory

SUBJECT: KU KLUX KLAN  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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On January 5, 1949, Mr. SCOTT CHRISTOPHER of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce Building, Miami, Florida, turned over to the Miami Office three anonymous postal cards which are described as follows:

One postcard dated January 1, 1949, at Sarasota, Florida, addressed to MYRNA LOY, motion picture actress, in care of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, New Israel, Florida, stating "Be a good girl" and signed "Ku Klux Klan".

One postcard dated January 1, 1949, at Sarasota, Florida, addressed to KEROLLY KLYNN, KKK, in care of the Chamber of Commerce, Miami, New Israel, Florida, stating "The thing is a sinch", signed "Ku Klux Klan".

One postal card dated January 4, 1949, at Ft. Myers, Florida, addressed to Klanswoman ANN SOUTHERN, in care of Miami Chamber of Commerce, New Israel, Florida, stating "Keep after those kikes" and bearing the return address "Ku Klux Klan".

The Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting on these three postal cards with the handwriting in the Anonymous Letter File and furnish the result of this examination to the Miami Office. The cards themselves can be destroyed after this examination.

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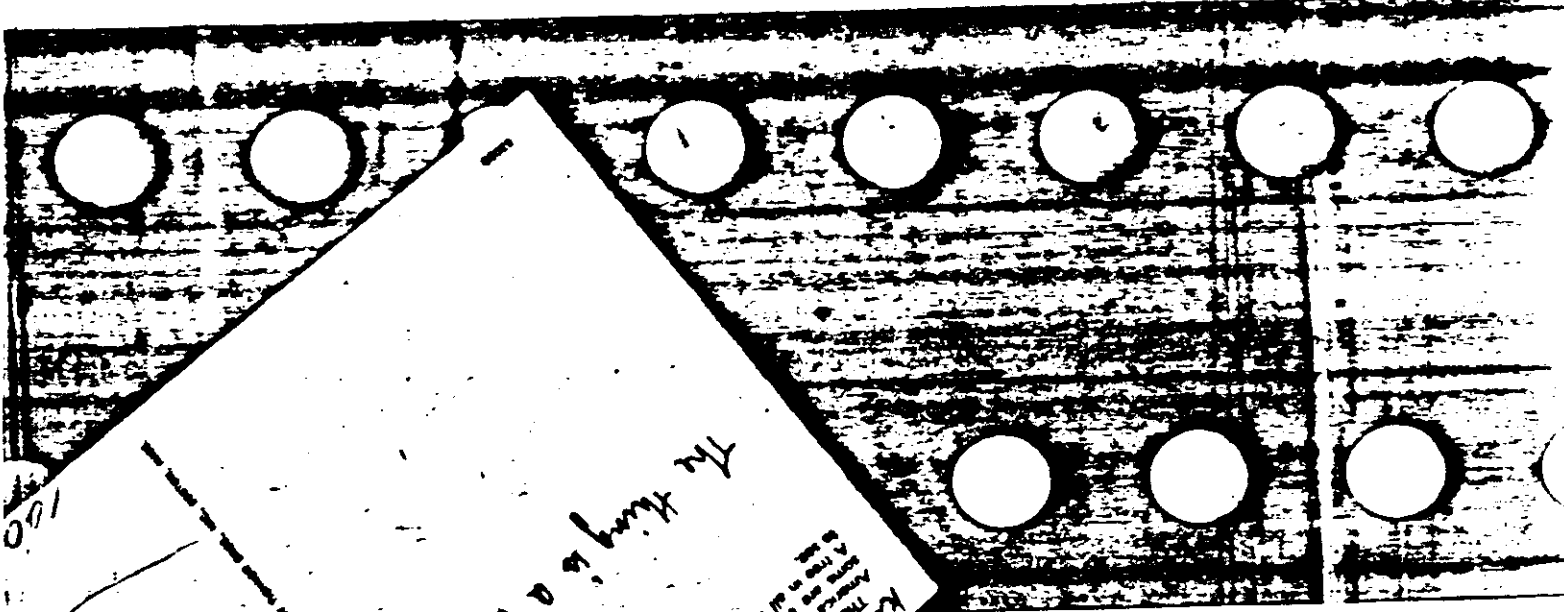
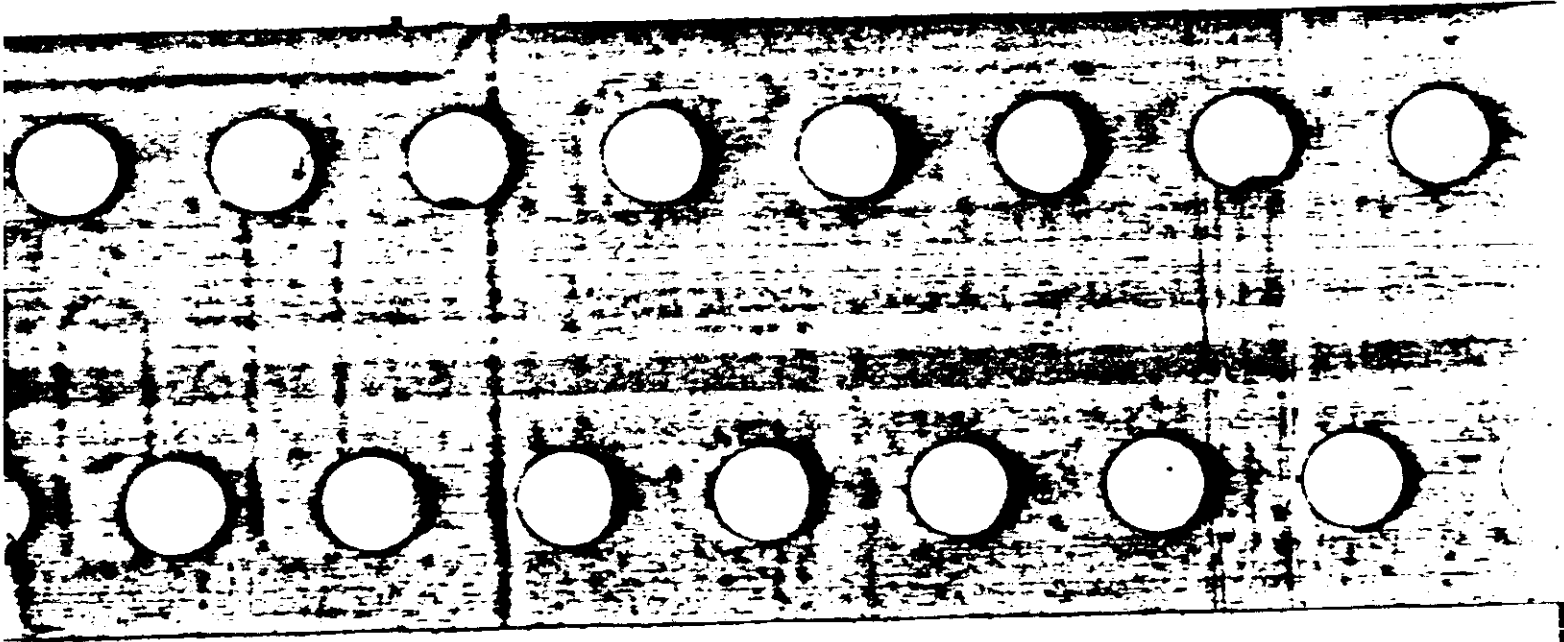
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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU (FBI Lab.): 3 postcards, signed "Ku Klux Klan",  
listed in Miami letter to the Bureau  
dated 1/11/49.

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*Gene Tyson*  
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*The thing is a snail.*

*Ken Klum 100*

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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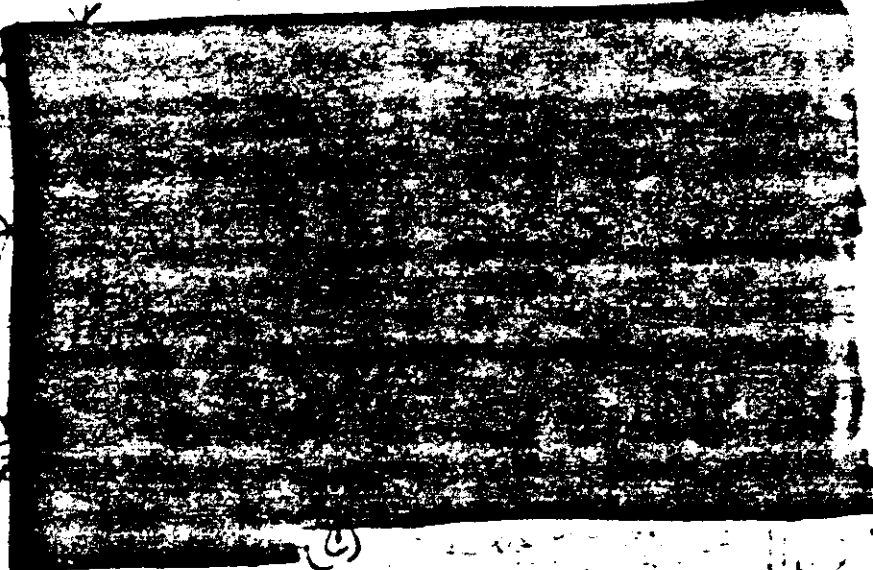
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Bureau File #100-10361;  
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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles,  
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New York, New York  
December 17, 1944

PERSONNEL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
J. Edgar Hoover  
DIRECTOR

W. C. Sullivan  
Assistant Director

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United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles 15, California  
February 18, 1944

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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to a letter from the [redacted] dated January 29, 1944, wherein it is set out that [redacted] furnished information to the effect that in 1937 [redacted] made a trip through Spain accompanied by a German who was a member of the military secret service for Germany and a resident of Los Angeles, California.

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Inquiry was made of [redacted] former Brother Studio, a special agent in contact of this office, concerning [redacted] and [redacted] advised that in 1937 or 1938, [redacted] time was [redacted] brother was having considerable trouble with FLYNN because he was unreliable in carrying out his obligations under his contract. FLYNN took a trip to the continent. This trip was a vacation for FLYNN and was not sponsored or approved by the Studio. According to [redacted] this trip was highly successful for FLYNN inasmuch as he was lionized and fêted wherever he appeared.

[redacted] was unable to obtain any information as to persons had accompanied FLYNN on this trip.

The indices of the Los Angeles Field Division have been searched without locating any subversive references to [redacted] FLYNN and accordingly it would appear desirable that FLYNN be interviewed in this connection. Such an interview, however, will not be conducted unless and until requested by the New York Field Division, the office of origin in this case.

In the meantime, this matter is being handled and will be referred upon completion to office of origin.

Very truly yours,

100-12777-143

R. B. [redacted]

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cc - New York

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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New York, New York

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Re: [REDACTED]

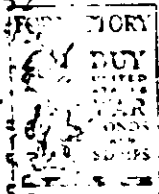
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Dear Sir:

The above captioned subject was released on December 17, 1946 to a year and a day in violation of the Espionage Act. Recently advised this office of an incident that occurred to him in Berlin, Germany in 1937. *CU*

On one occasion he recalled that he was introduced to [REDACTED] by his usual respects to [REDACTED] and was introduced to [REDACTED] German who according to [REDACTED] is from Los Angeles. [REDACTED] explained that this German had just completed a tour of the various [REDACTED] in company with [REDACTED] FLANN, the Soviet agent, and had taken numerous pictures of various establishments and military objects. [REDACTED] said that these pictures lay in a huge pile on [REDACTED] floor. When [REDACTED] stepped out of the room, this man stated he was a friend of [REDACTED] and that he had come to Spain during the Spanish Civil War to observe the fighting on the various fronts and that they had gone to London with the idea of getting permission from the Franco forces. Franco officials in London, however, refused visas to FLANN and the German, but they had been able to secure visas from the Spanish Republican officials there. The German had obtained his Republican visa issued in London, and also his American passport, and had discussed various cities in the United States, including Los Angeles and Washington, D. C. *CU*

After this German left, [REDACTED]



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Letter to the Director

This person was a member of Military Secret Service at General and had been working for Germany in the United States. One of the German military officials had called the Embassy advising that they were sending him and over the next few members of the Spanish Embassy in Berlin who were at that time in Spain. General Franco, could view the pictures that their agent had taken in Spain with a view that this might be some help to the Franco forces. [redacted] advised that he had looked through those pictures and noticed several [redacted] of the German in company with ERICH FLYNN and the various military objectives which the German had photographed. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that his memory of the specific details of this incident had faded somewhat as he had not thought of it for some time. He advised that he had heard in 1938 that [redacted] had come to Buenos Aires, Argentina to work in the Spanish Embassy there. [redacted] never [redacted] of this person since then, but could recall only that [redacted] had introduced him with the title of "doctor". [redacted]

According to [redacted] description of [redacted] this German as he observed in 1938, were as follows:

Age	42
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165 lbs.
Race	Spanish
Build	Strong
Profile	High forehead

Ave	48 to 50
Height	5' 10"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Completely gray
Dress	Suit
Race	Spanish

The Washington Field Division is requested to check the records of the State Department to ascertain if visas were granted to ERICH FLYNN in 1937 to visit Spain, and whether any [redacted] [redacted] to his companion. [redacted]

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16 The Los Angeles Field Division is requested to ascertain from the  
17 sources of information in the movie colony any information regarding  
18 [redacted]'s visit to Spain in 1937 and the identity and present whereabouts of  
19 his companion at that time.  
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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Immigration file on HERMAN FREDERICK EPPEN reflects he apparently left U. S. on an American ship in February, 1937, at which time his belongings were left at residence of ERROL FLYNN in Hollywood, Calif. Further, newspaper clipping in file, date-line U.S., Madrid, Spain, 4/5/37, carried story of ERROL FLYNN being wounded by rebel machine gun fire and rescue being furnished by his traveling companion, Dr. HERMAN EPPEN. Newspaper article indicated FLYNN departed New York City 2/3/37 as newspaper reporter and that EPPEN and FLYNN were covering war for a London publication. U.S. Permit #117807 reflects FLYNN's departure from U.S. at New York City on American ship 4/3/37. Information regarding EPPEN's return not available. Background data on EPPEN set forth.

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## REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
2/25/44 at Washington,

## DETAILS:

A check of the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service pertaining to HERMAN FREDERICK EPPEN reflects that on April 14, 1937, when he was questioned by the immigration officials, he stated that his last fixed address in the United States, at which time he advised that he signed for the last American ship in February, 1937, he had left his belongings at the residence of ERROL FLYNN in Hollywood, California, and concluded that his last fixed address.

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The file further indicated that ERIC's last known address as of January 9, 1943, was in care of Mr. WILSON, 1001, 1001, Shanghai, China.

A newspaper clipping from the VFR, Vol. 1, No. 1, dated April 5, 1937, reflecting a U. S. release, carried a story to the effect that ERIC FIDIN had been wounded by rebel forces during the Spanish Civil War. The report of the incident was furnished by his companion, Dr. HERMAN BRENN, Tropical Disease Specialist. The report stated further that ERIC FIDIN sailed from New York City, September 2, 1936, as a newspaper reporter; but it did not indicate that BRENN had sailed with him. However, it was noted that both BRENN and FIDIN were reported to be covering the Spanish War for a London publication.

Another newspaper clipping in the Sacramento, California, January 30, 1941, and which from the Los Angeles Evening Post, reflects that BRENN was connected with the supply ship of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee when that ship was sunk in Uruguay. It was also reflected that BRENN served on the International Brigade in a Madrid hospital during the Spanish Civil War and that he was also in Barcelona, Spain, with ERIC FIDIN.

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The file reflected further that FLYNN listed among  
of friends and acquaintances the following named individuals:

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Information  
pertaining to travel history

The Immigration and Naturalization records relating to  
EPHRAIM FLYNN reflect that FLYNN was naturalized August 14, 1941, at Los  
Angeles, California, under the name EPHRAIM FLYNN. He was issued  
Certificate of Naturalization #5503016.

On October 2, 1936, FLYNN filed an application, #111518,  
for a reentry permit in connection with a consular trip to the Hawaiian  
Islands. It being indicated that he was to depart for the Hawaiian Islands  
in 1936, for a vacation trip to Tahiti, Japan, Korea, and Australia. In con-  
nection with this application, Reentry Permit #111518 was issued, and he was  
indicated thereon that FLYNN reentered the United States at New York City on  
the "Queen Mary" on April 19, 1937.

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Under date of February 14, 1938, SA [redacted] advised [redacted] covering a proposed trip on his own yacht to Central and South America. He was issued Reentry Permit #123079 on April 4, 1938, and [redacted] the United States via airplane at [redacted] on May 30, 1938.

On January 16, 1939, he filed application #1232932 covering a proposed trip to Mexico, South America, and other countries and [redacted] issued Reentry Permit #123217. However, there was no indication that [redacted] reentry permit had ever been used.

On April 30, 1940, he filed application #1234991 covering a trip to various South American countries via Pan-American Airways. He was issued Reentry Permit #1234991 on May 15, 1940, and [redacted] via Pan-American Airways, Plane #PA-242, at [redacted] Terminal, [redacted] California, on July 5, 1940.

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NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will endeavor to ascertain method of travel employed by  
JIM FINN when departing from New York City February 24, 1937, and determine  
if ARMAN ERBEN departed with him.

Will check the records covering the arrival of new residents  
at New York City April 15, 1937, to verify FINN's arrival and  
to ascertain if ERBEN returned with him.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles 11, California

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Director, FBI

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Enclosure - 1.  
Bureau File No. 100-12777.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 6,  
1946, requesting that this office interview LEO L. FLYNN concerning the  
activity of his companion on a tour through Spain and Africa, 1937.

Reference is also made to your letter dated March  
24, 1946, advising that LEO L. FLYNN's companion on this tour was a man  
known as Dr. HENRY FRANKLIN REEB, and stating that it was determined that REEB  
was the person who at various times, in London and  
other places, had been conducted.

The files of this office reflect that considerable  
investigation has been conducted concerning Dr. HENRY FRANKLIN REEB, and  
that according to this investigation he did accompany LEO L. FLYNN on his  
tour through Spain in 1937. It further appears that LEO L. FLYNN was interviewed  
concerning REEB, and that the results of this interview were transmitted  
in a letter to the San Francisco Field Division dated September 10, 1946,  
entitled "Dr. HENRY FRANKLIN REEB; ES. 100-12777," a copy of which was  
forwarded to the Bureau and to the New York Office.

This matter is being considered and will be  
forwarded to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

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L. B. HOOVER

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 30, 1941  
at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 18, 1941, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated October 16, 1941  
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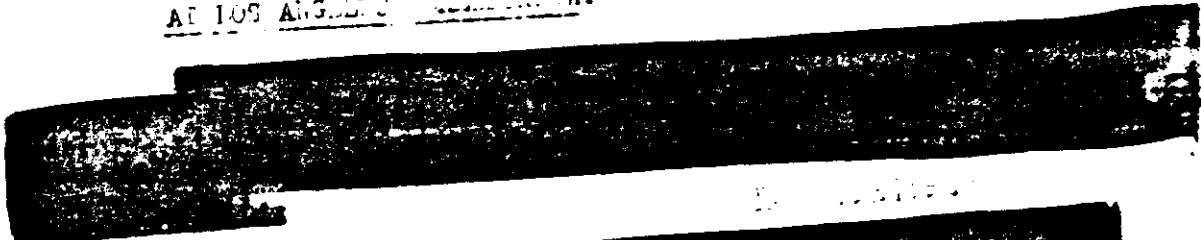
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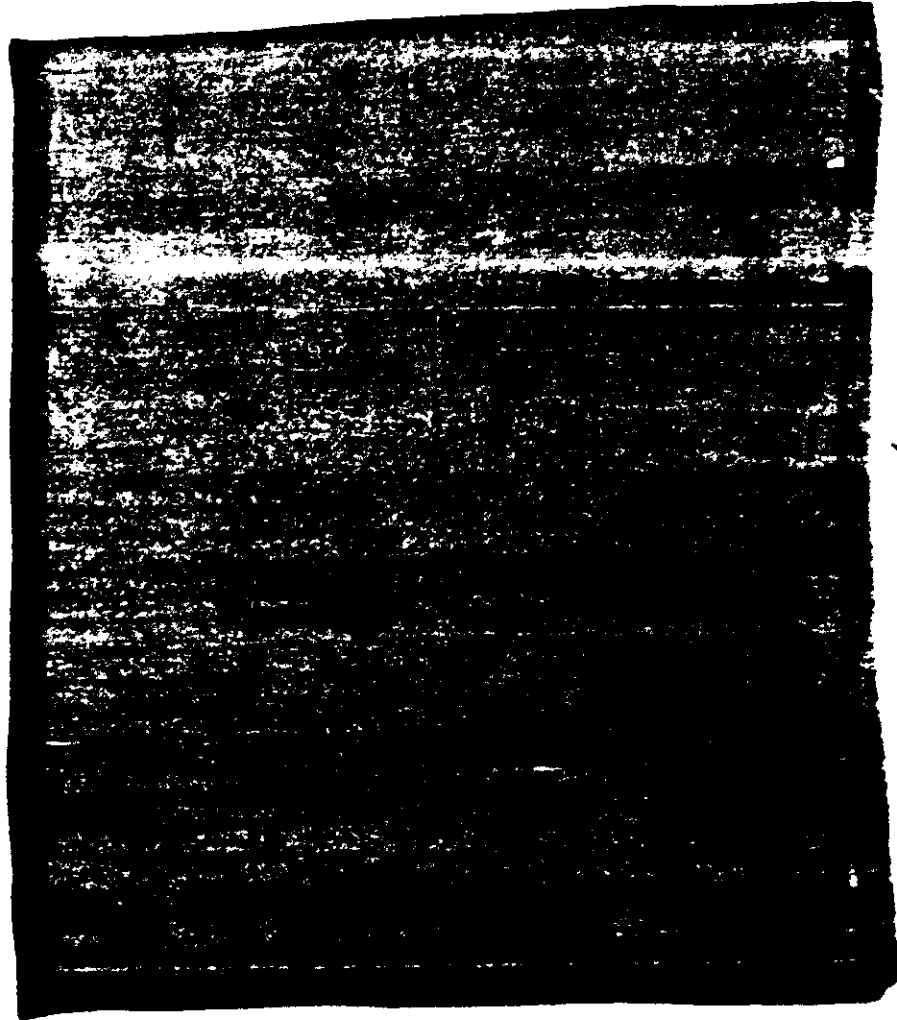
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On 12/1/42, the "New York Times" published an article  
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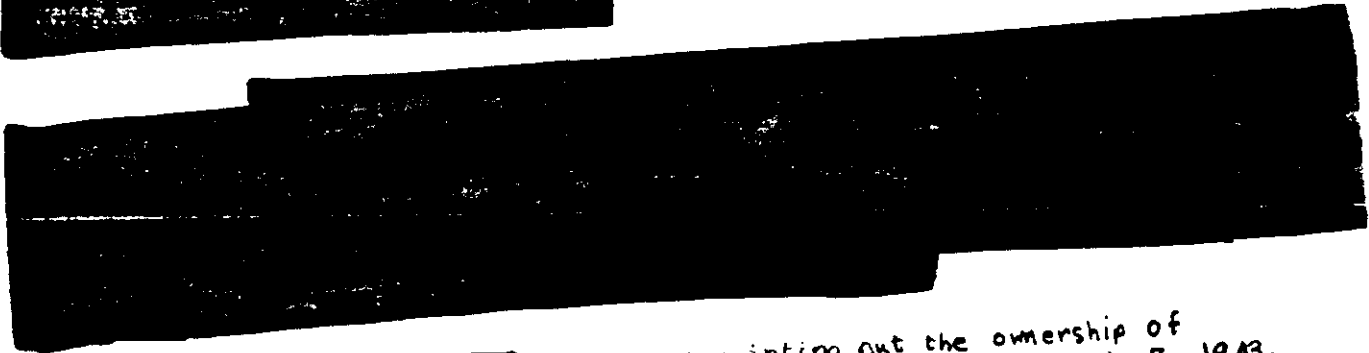
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e [redacted] is a report pointing out the ownership of  
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for 32,000 to CESAR DIORIO, 130 West 57th Street, New York,  
who was later to have sold it to ERROL FLYNN for 48,000.

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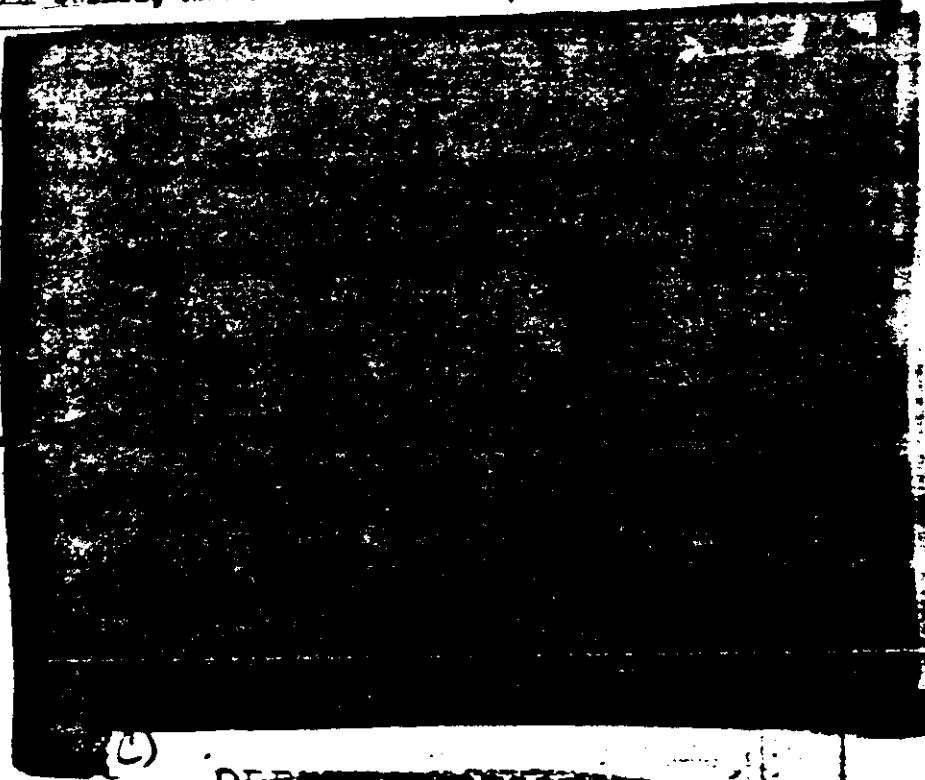
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SUSPICIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORK IN VICINITY OF  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Synopsis of Facts:



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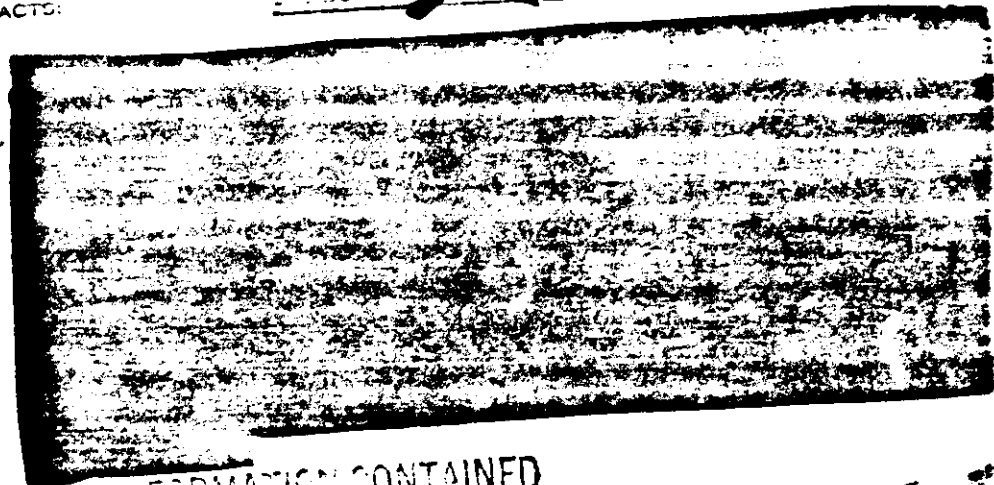
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ERROL FLYNN, the movie star.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Newark, March 20, 1943.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at New York, New York, March 15, 1943.

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ERROL FLYNN

67D [redacted] on dinner with ERROL FLYNN on one occasion and developed information that [redacted] had seen a great deal of FLYNN during his trip to Los Angeles. He attended several sessions of FLYNN'S recent trial, and they were together on numerous occasions. FLYNN expressed the opinion that [redacted] would return to Los Angeles within the near future.

When questioned concerning ERROL FLYNN, [redacted] said that FLYNN and his friend [redacted] were passengers on a Pan American plane which arrived at Glendale, California, August 20, 1942, from Mexico City. [redacted] was suspected of being involved in some way with [redacted] who was [redacted] an espionage suspect. This same source furnished information to the effect that [redacted] and [redacted] also were suspected of being involved in espionage.

It will be noted that [redacted] and [redacted] will be mentioned later in this report as friends of [redacted]

ERROL FLYNN is well known to all sources contacted during the course of this investigation. His recent trial was highly publicized in local papers, and FLYNN is described as a highly-sexed individual, who is frustrated in his normal desires; very attractive to women. He has an active case of tuberculosis.

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at present and is reported to have been classified I-F by his Draft Board for this reason. He is regarded as a person of low moral character, with absolutely no regard for women, who has had affairs with every woman with whom he has been associated in motion pictures. The statement was made that [REDACTED] that FLYNN has had an affair with every woman who has ever worked on the Warner brothers' lot "from grandmothers on down." He has been known to entertain women in his dressing room while on the set. He has frequently boasted of his powers of conquest, and has openly made bets that he would seduce certain women who have appeared difficult.

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[REDACTED] stated emphatically that there was no doubt regarding [REDACTED] guilt in his recent trial for rape, and that he has been guilty of this act many times previously. FLYNN told [REDACTED] that the girls who had sued him were attempting to shake him down for thousands of dollars, and that he had decided to fight the case. For general information, it can be stated that Warner Brothers expected a certain amount of adverse criticism of FLYNN due to his notoriety, but that they have been agreeably surprised by the reaction of film audiences since his vindication.

[REDACTED] said that to his knowledge Warner Brothers had [REDACTED] of dollars invested in FLYNN "in the cans" which is a Hollywood term for describing pictures not yet released, but completely finished.

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FLYNN was characterized [REDACTED] as a man perverted in his sexual desires, and one who ultimately will cause Warner Brothers a considerable amount of difficulty if he doesn't kill himself in the process." FLYNN is present in Mexico City, where it is reported that he is attempting to forget his recent trial before beginning a new picture at Warners'. It was noted that no individual contacted in the course of this investigation had anything good to say about FLYNN, describing him in some instances as "a perfect heel" and using other expressions which cannot be stated in this report.

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Info furnished to Ethel Allen

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MEMORANDUM

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: UNENCL. SUBJECTS  
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IN THE VICINITY OF [REDACTED] FARMS  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Acers \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Starnes \_\_\_\_\_  
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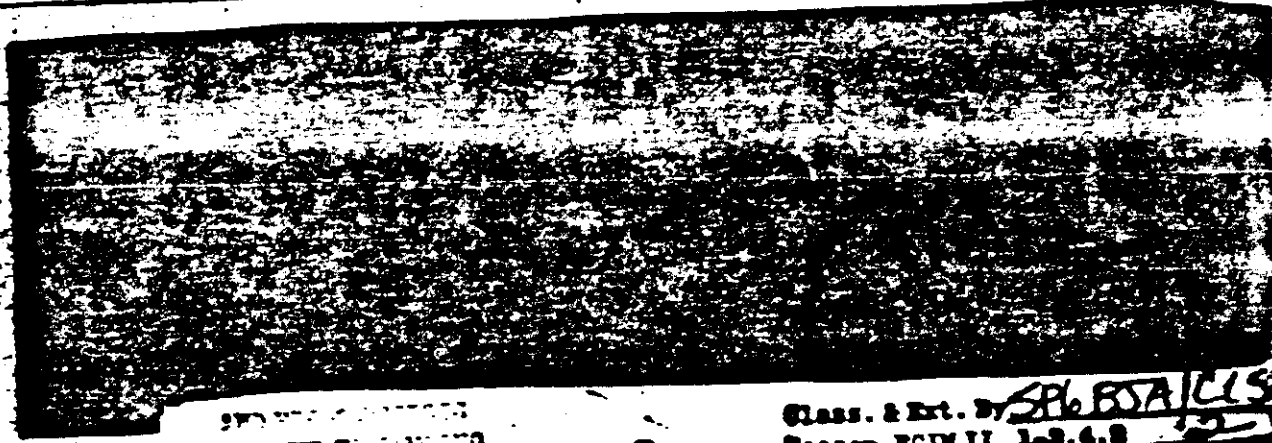
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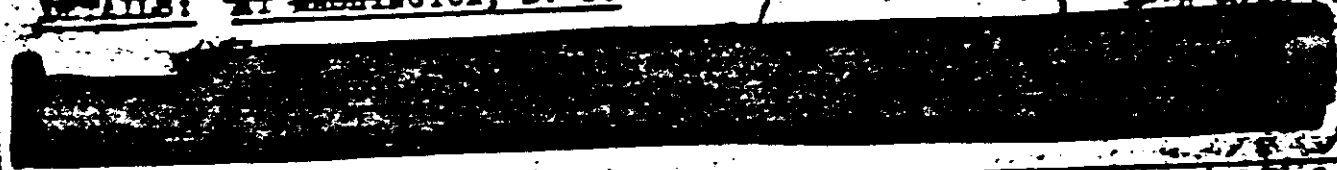
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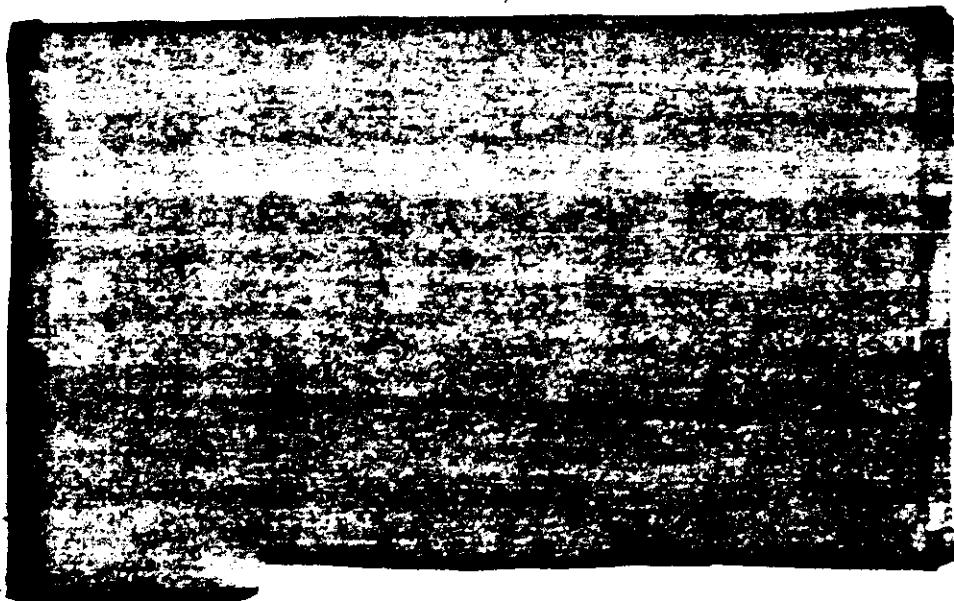
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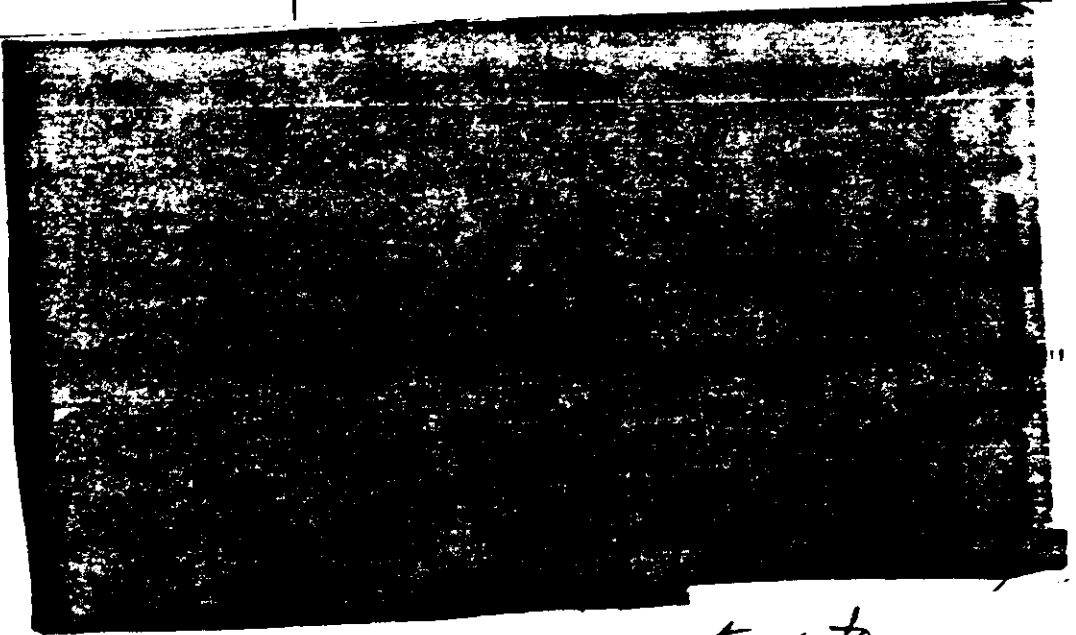
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February 13, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE VICINITY OF THE  
STATE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E.A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Hendon ✓  
Mr. Kramer ✓  
Mr. McGuire ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Mr. Gurnea ✓  
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# Errol Shot in Leg While With Castro

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HAVANA, Jan. 6 (UPI).—Hollywood star Errol Flynn is modestly displaying a minor leg wound these days which he says was inflicted by government bullets while he was roving with a rebel band last week.

Flynn told a press conference here that he had been out three times since Christmas with rebel raiders in the service of Fidel Castro, whom he says he has known for eight years.

"There was some strafing (in a New Year's Eve raid) and, as usual whenever bullets are flying, I took refuge," the actor said. "Unfortunately, one bullet whipped some chunks off a pillar, and either a fragment or the bullet itself grazed me."

"It's really nothing, but judging by the fuss you'd think I was about to lose a leg."

## NOT A COMMUNIST

He said he is sure Castro is not a Communist, although he conceded the possibility that some members of his organization may be. He added, however, that any Reds there may be in the Castro group "aren't in any positions of power."

As for Castro himself, Flynn said:

"I can guarantee he is not a Communist."

"I'm sure of it. He is a pure idealist, and there aren't many left."

When he was asked about Argentine Dr. Ernesto (Che) Guevara, a Castro lieutenant who has been accused of Red leanings, the actor said "I only met him fleetingly for a few moments."

As for the possible Communist sympathies of Castro's brother Raul, Flynn said:

"Well, we discussed that with Castro, and I have just one thing to say: Anybody with intelligence is a Communist at 20 but anybody who is a Communist at 40 is a fool. And Raul Castro is a very young boy."

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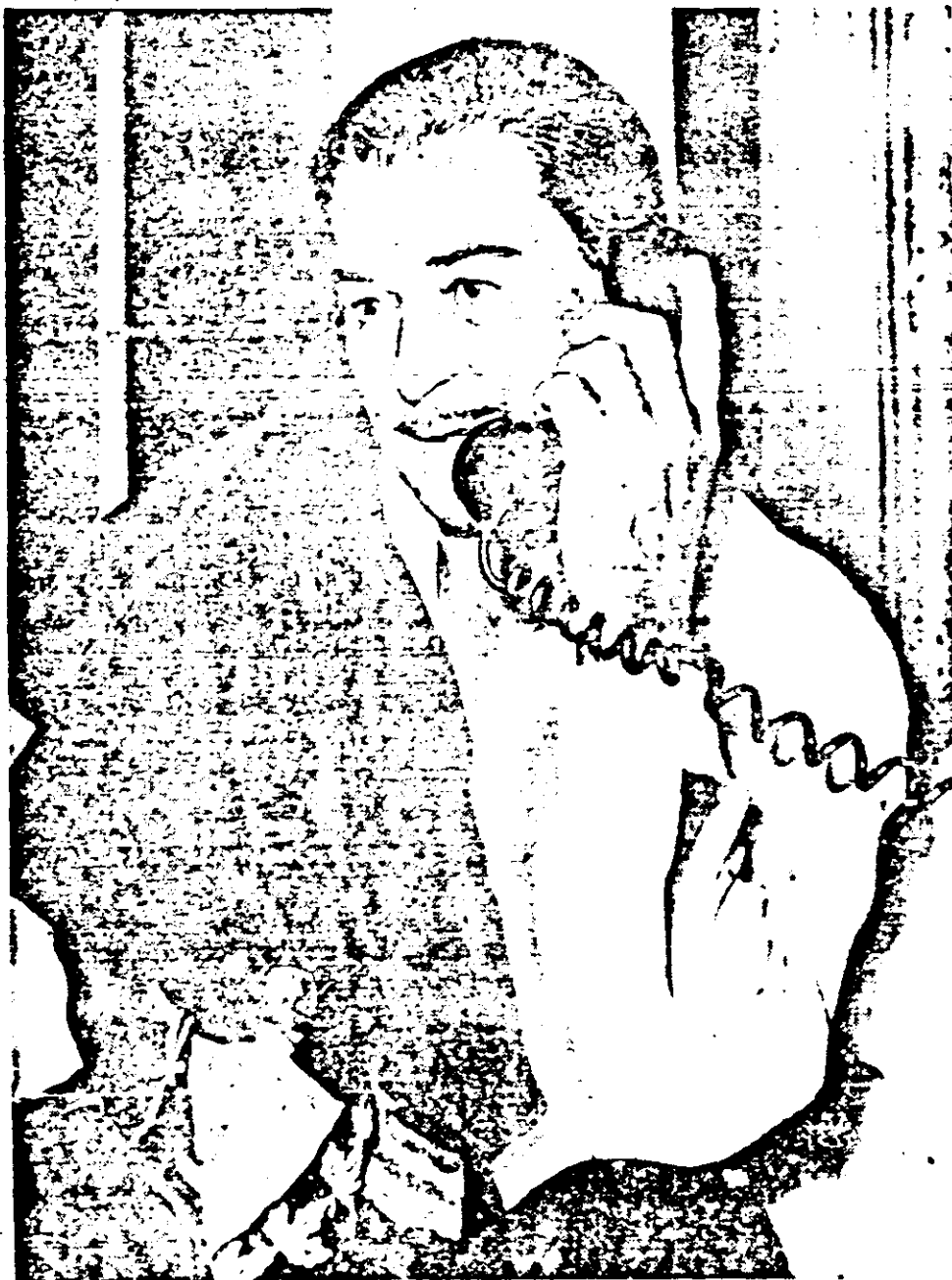
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## REAL DRAMA FOR REEL HERO



**CUBAN CLASH . . .** Errol Flynn, who revealed he had suffered a bullet graze on his right leg while accompanying Fidel Castro's ~~rebels~~ in the Cuban fighting, assures

a caller in Havana that he is all right. The screen star said Castro had given him the scarf adorned with Cuban emblems which ~~is~~ draped over his shoulder. AP Wirephoto.

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(FLYNN)

HAVANA--MOVIE WARRIOR ERROL FLYNN TODAY NUPSED A PEAL WOUND HE SAID HE RECEIVED FIGHTING WITH FIDEL CASTRO'S REBELS AGAINST THE BATISTA FORCES IN CUBA.

THE ACTOR DISPLAYED A FLESH WOUND ON HIS RIGHT LEG TO NEWSMEN IN HAVANA. HE SAID HE RECEIVED IT JAN. 1 WHILE ACCOMPANYING CASTRO FORCES IN A SKIRMISH. HE MADE THREE PCPAYS WITH THE REBELS IN EASTERN CUBA SINCE CHRISTMAS, HE SAID.

HE HAILED CASTRO AS A FRIEND OF EIGHT YEARS AND DEFINITELY NOT A COMMUNIST.

"I'M SURE OF IT," FLYNN SAID. "HE IS A PURE IDEALIST AND THERE AREN'T MANY LEFT."

HE CONCEDED THERE MAY BE SOME COMMUNISTS IN CASTRO'S JULY 26 MOVEMENT, BUT SAID "THEY AREN'T IN ANY POSITIONS OF POWER."

(IN A RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH RADIO PRESS IN NEW YORK FROM HAVANA, FLYNN ACCUSED THE BATISTA FORCES OF ATROCITIES AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN, HE SAID THEY BEAT THEM, CUT OFF THEIR FEET AND PULLED OUT THEIR HAIR.)

FLYNN SAID HE RECEIVED HIS WOUND WHILE WITH CASTRO FORCES.

"THERE WAS SOME STRAFING," HE SAID, "AND AS USUAL WHEN BULLETS ARE FLYING, I TAKE REFUGE." HE SAID HE HID BEHIND A WALL.

"UNFORTUNATELY A BULLET RIPPED OFF SOME CHUNKS OF A WALL AND EITHER A FRAGMENT OF THE BULLET ITSELF GRAZED ME. IT'S REALLY NOTHING, BUT JUDGING FROM THE FUSS YOU'D THINK I WAS ABOUT TO LOSE A LEG."

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(FLYNN)

HAVANA--THE REBEL PUBLICATION REVOLUTION SCOFFED TODAY AT HOLLYWOOD STAR ERROL FLYNN'S REPORT THAT HE WAS WOUNDED "WHILE OPERATING WITH FIDEL CASTRO."

"THAT ONE (FLYNN) NEVER SAW CASTRO," SAID VIOLETA CASALS, A WOMAN BROADCASTER FOR THE REBEL RADIO, IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED BY REVOLUTION.

FLYNN, WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN STRAFED BY A GOVERNMENT PLANE WHILE TRAVELING WITH A BAND OF REBEL RAIDERS, SHOWED NEWSMEN HERE A LEG WOUND WHICH HE SAID WAS CAUSED EITHER BY A GOVERNMENT BULLET OR BY A CHIP OF THE MASONRY IT KNOCKED OFF A PILLAR BEHIND WHICH HE HAD TAKEN COVER.

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## Errol, Castro Trooper, Can't Troup in U.S.

Errol Flynn, apparently year. He can't appear in the recovering nicely from a legitimate theater while the wound he says he received during the Cuban revolution, is suffering from a much unkindlier cut today. He's been suspended for conduct unbecoming an actor.

The action was taken by Actors Equity Assn. yesterday after its council heard charges that the doughy Errol walked out on a play in Cincinnati last

The actor reportedly said at the time that the drama offended his thespian sensibilities. The play a dramatization by food-chain millionaire Huntington Hartford of the novel "Jane Eyre," later opened on Broadway with another actor in the starring role. Errol's lawyer, Justin M. Go-

lenbock, said last night the actor feels that the charges are without justification, and that he will be able to refute them. The veteran actor reportedly was nicked in the leg while accompanying Fidel Castro's revolutionary forces.

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